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ANA MEMBER MARY NAYLOR APPOINTED TO MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Association (ANA), the largest nursing organization in the U.S., applauds the Government Accountability Office (GAO) for its decision to appoint Mary D. Naylor, PhD, RN, FAAN, to the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MEDPAC). ANA led a coalition of nursing organizations advocating for Naylor’s appointment and believes that Dr. Naylor will make a significant contribution to the development of policy to improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of care provided to Medicare patients.

Currently, Dr. Naylor is the Marian S. Ware Professor in Gerontology and Director of the New Courtland Center for Transitions and Health at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing. An internationally recognized health services researcher, Dr. Naylor has led a multidisciplinary program of research designed to improve the quality of care, decrease unnecessary hospitalizations and reduce health care costs for vulnerable, community-based elders for the past two decades. A member of the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association, Dr. Naylor also is the National Program Director for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation sponsored *Interdisciplinary Nursing Quality Research Initiative* (INQRI).

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