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ANA BACKS COALITION'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON HEALTH CARE QUALITY

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Association (ANA) endorses recommendations by Stand For Quality, a national coalition of more than 150 health-related organizations, for improving the quality of care in a reformed national health system.

Stand For Quality, based in Washington, today issued six recommendations geared to advance the health reform debate now before Congress. The coalition's press release and related materials are available at www.standforquality.org.

“For over 100 years, ANA has been working to improve patient safety by promoting nursing quality,” said Linda Stierle, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, chief executive officer of ANA. “Nurses are key to delivering high-quality care, and the Stand For Quality coalition understands that promotion of quality will be a vital part of health system reform,” said Stierle, who represents ANA on the Stand For Quality steering committee.

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The ANA is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 2.9 million registered nurses through its 51 constituent member nurses associations and its 24 specialty nursing and workforce advocacy affiliate organizations that currently connect to ANA as affiliates. The ANA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the rights of nurses in the workplace, projecting a positive and realistic view of nursing, and by lobbying the Congress and regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting nurses and the public.