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NAHU's Capitol Conference Addresses Healthcare Reform under the New Administration

(Washington, DC) – Healthcare policymakers and leaders will address the future of health reform under the new Administration at the National Association of Health Underwriters' (NAHU) 27th Annual Capitol Conference. Nearly 1,000 health insurance agents, brokers and consultants are expected to attend the conference, held at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill February 13-15. NAHU members will discuss policy issues with their elected representatives on improving market stability and preserving the employer exclusion for American workers and their families.

"It is important that we continue to provide our members with the most updated information and tools they need about health reform under the new Administration, while giving them a voice to have an impact on policy decisions that have yet to be made," said NAHU CEO Janet Trautwein. "We are educating agents and brokers so they know what to expect and how to best prepare and assist their clients."

Speakers include: Senator Lamar Alexander, R-TN, chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee; Senator Bill Cassidy (R-LA); Senator Tom Daschle (D-SC); Representative Chris Collins (NY-27); Representative Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ); Marilyn Tavenner, CEO of America's Health Insurance Plans and former administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; Dr. Aaron Carroll, director, Center for Health Policy and Professionalism Research, Indiana University School of Medicine; Len Nichols, Ph.D., director, Center of Health Policy Research and Ethics, George Mason University, and many other industry professionals.

At NAHU's Capitol Conference, health insurance agents and brokers communicate their legislative agenda to their federal legislators, representatives of the Administration and congressional leadership. Some of NAHU's top advocacy goals are individual marketplace stability, repealing the Cadillac Tax, eliminating the national premium tax (HIT), preserving the employer-based market and fully repealing the MLR requirement.

"Every year, our members look forward to engaging in an open discussion about healthcare reform with their legislators," said NAHU President Jim Stenger. "We believe there is a critical need to ensure that the healthcare delivery system is solvent, accessible and efficient. NAHU's Capitol Conference gives us the tools we need to help American families and businesses access the coverage they deserve at a price they can afford."

The National Association of Health Underwriters represents 100,000 professional health insurance agents and brokers who provide insurance for millions of Americans. NAHU is headquartered in Washington, DC. For more information, visit <u>www.nahu.org</u>.

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