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MEDIA ALERT:
AMERICA'S NURSES CALL FOR HEALTH CARE REFORM NOW!
ANA President in Raleigh to Speak Out on Urgent Need for Health Care Reform

- WHO:** ANA President **Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR**; President Patton made this year's list of *Modern Healthcare's* 100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare and has appeared by invitation twice with President Obama at White House press conferences to support his administration's push for health care reform. She will be speaking at the [North Carolina Nurses Association](#) (NCNA) annual convention.
- WHAT:** ANA and NCNA are holding a press conference to speak out about the grave concerns that nurses have about the nation's current health care system; how the health insurance industry's harmful practices are impacting patients in the state of North Carolina and the U.S., why ANA strongly supports the public plan option and the heart-breaking challenges that nurses are witnessing every day in emergency rooms and hospitals due to the current flawed system. ANA and NCNA believe that quality, affordable health care is not a privilege, but a basic human right.
- WHEN:** Wednesday, October 7th at 8:15 a.m.
- WHERE:** **Chancellor Room at the Raleigh Marriott City Center**; 500 Fayetteville Street Raleigh, North Carolina, 27601.
- WHY:** ANA is a leading voice in the national debate on health care reform, testifying before Congress and working closely with the White House in advocating for meaningful health care reform. Nurses are the backbone of our nation's health care system, and they know that the need for health care reform is long overdue. Our nation's health care system remains in a state of crisis and now is the time to fix it.

ABOUT THE AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION (ANA):

The ANA is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 2.9 million registered nurses through its constituent member nurses associations, its organizational affiliates, and its workforce advocacy affiliate, the Center for American Nurses. 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.

ABOUT THE NORTH CAROLINA NURSES ASSOCIATION (NCNA):

NCNA was founded in 1902 and is the only professional organization that represents the interests of the state's approximately 100,000 Registered Nurses. The mission of NCNA is to serve the changing needs of NCNA members, address nursing issues and advocate for the health and well-being of all people.

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