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FAH RESPONSE TO HOUSE HEALTH REFORM LEGISLATION

The following statement was released today by Chip Kahn, President of the Federation of American Hospitals (FAH).

The House health reform bill announced today by Speaker Pelosi reflects further progress toward a reformed health care system anchored by meaningful coverage for virtually all Americans. The bill achieves a threshold level of coverage that is essential for effective and durable reform. Equally important is maintaining a market-based health care system, and we are pleased that the bill moves in this direction.

Today's announcement is an important milestone on the road to reform. The FAH is grateful to Speaker Pelosi, the Democratic Leadership and the Committee Chairmen for succeeding in reaching this pivotal moment. We look forward to continue working with Congress and the Administration as the process moves to a House-Senate Conference so that we can achieve our shared goal – President Obama signing into law a bill that gives Americans the health care reforms that they need and deserve.

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The Federation of American Hospitals is the national representative of investor-owned or managed hospitals and health systems. Our members include general community and teaching hospitals in urban and rural areas as well as rehabilitation, long-term, cancer and psychiatric hospitals.