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**Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association Supports
Historic Healthcare Reform Bill Passage**

Phoenix, Arizona – The passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act and companion legislation marks historic progress toward ensuring that 32 million currently uninsured Americans will have access to healthcare coverage. The Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association (AzHHA) supports this bill because it moves the nation closer to our goal of making coverage for all a reality. By increasing access to affordable health insurance, this legislation will help lay the groundwork for Americans to attain good health and good healthcare.

“While the health reform legislation is far from perfect and will not fix every problem within our healthcare system, it represents a landmark change that will improve the well-being of many Americans,” said John Rivers, AzHHA President and Chief Executive Officer.

AzHHA looks forward to working with members of Arizona’s congressional delegation and the American Hospital Association to resolve concerns that remain after the bill’s passage. Chief among these issues is the financial burden that Medicaid expansion will place on our already cash-strapped state.

About AzHHA

AzHHA is an organization of hospitals and healthcare systems dedicated to providing leadership on issues affecting the delivery, quality, accessibility and cost-effectiveness of

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