Health Care at a Turning Point: Seizing the Opportunity
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The Tipping Point

Passage of Health Care Reform – the Affordable Care Act

The Institute of Medicine releases “Future of Nursing” report
Imagine...
ANA’s Four Pillars of Health Care Reform
Historic, Challenging Times....

- Anti-public union actions in Ohio and Wisconsin;
- Historic, deep budget cuts at state and federal levels;
- Serious implications for implementation of the Affordable Care Act
Real Reform is at Risk

Challenges to the new health care law:

- Legislative attempts to repeal the law
- Defunding legislation
- Lawsuits challenging the ‘individual mandate’
Repeal: What’s at Stake

Repeal of the law would have serious consequences for:

– Patients/Consumers
– Nurses
– Our Nation
The Stakes are High for Oregon

• Nearly 2 million residents of Oregon vulnerable again to lifetime limits;

• Nearly 15,000 young adults would lose their insurance coverage;

• Nearly 260,000 adults at risk of losing their insurance when they need it most;

• Nearly 600,000 seniors in Oregon who have Medicare coverage forced to return to co-pays for prevention services, while nearly 40,000 seniors would see significantly higher prescription drug costs.
Repeal of ACA: What’s at Stake for Nursing...

potential cuts to Title VIII (Federal Funding for Nursing Workforce)

Promising new health care models could be abandoned—such as scaling up of number of nurse-managed health centers and school-based clinics for underserved populations

Loss of opportunities for nursing input into care delivery system redesign
ANA Remains Steadfast in Support of the Affordable Care Act

As nurses, it’s our responsibility to advocate for the patient.
ANA: Working with 112th Congress

House Nursing Caucus reception, February 2011
(from left, ANA GOVA Director Rose Gonzalez, MPS, RN, Nick Rahall (D-WVA), Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), ANA GOVA Associate Director Rachel Conant).
ANA: Watching the Federal Agencies

To find out who ANA watches, visit:
www.nursingworld.org/gova/agencies
What’s Going on in Your World?

As a nurse, what keeps you up at night?

Share your professional experiences in the health care system - what do you see and experience through others (family members, patients, etc)?
The Power of Grassroots:

Share Your Story!

www.rnaction.org/healthcarestory.
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✓ Educate consumers and patients about how the new law will impact them.

✓ Get involved. Serve on a state task force or committee that will shape reform at the state level.

✓ Keep the pressure on legislators when there are attempts to de-fund health care reform.
What the Affordable Care Act Means for You

Knowing what's in the Affordable Care Act can help you make smart health care decisions for you and your family. Some changes are happening now. Others are set to take place in 2014. Find out what's happening in your state and what the law means for you.

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www.healthcareandyou.org
NURSE EMPOWERMENT: Things all nurses need to remember

- Nurses are the experts on nursing practice!!!
- Don’t underestimate your individual power as an informed, engaged constituent or the power of a collective voice
- An absent voice or disengagement from the political process often precedes loss of resources/rights
- Membership in professional associations empowers the individual nurse AND the profession
- ANA’s strength/power is in its numbers, expertise and credibility
Student Nurses

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“Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”

~Ralph Waldo Emerson