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AHIP Congratulates Senate on Passage of SCHIP

Washington, D.C. - Karen Ignagni, President and CEO of America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), today issued the following statement commending the U.S. Senate for voting to reauthorize and expand the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP):

"Strengthening the health care safety net is an essential component of comprehensive health care reform. Today the Senate took a critical step forward by voting to help ensure that no child falls through the cracks of our health care system. This legislation gives children access to essential health care services and eases the burden on working families who are struggling during the slowing economy. Policymakers should build on this momentum and pursue health care reform that gives every American access to high-quality, affordable health care coverage."

Strengthening the health care safety net has been a central component of the comprehensive health care reform proposals AHIP began releasing in November 2006. For several years, AHIP has collaborated with a broad coalition of stakeholders in support of SCHIP reauthorization.

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