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AHIP Statement on Cost Containment Framework

Washington, D.C. – Karen Ignagni, President and CEO of America's Health Insurance Plans, issued the following statement today on the cost containment framework presented to President Obama:

“Health plans are honored to join with leading stakeholders to help advance a framework for cost containment, which is essential to make the system more affordable for working families and purchasers and preserve the competitiveness of our country. We strongly believe that all Americans must have access to affordable, high-quality health care coverage. We also agree with others that universal coverage will not be sustainable, and that Medicare and Medicaid will not remain solvent, unless the nation addresses the cost issue head on.

“As the nation pursues health care reform, stakeholders have a responsibility to offer solutions. The health plan community embraces this responsibility and welcomes this challenge.

“Our community is proud of the contributions health plans make to quality, affordable health care in America. Health plans are: leading on care coordination, helping patients and doctors manage chronic conditions, offering benefit plans that help keep health care affordable for working families and small employers, rewarding high-quality medical care, and helping patients stay healthy through prevention and wellness initiatives.

“We are committed to reform, to innovation, and to challenging old assumptions. We are committed to ensuring that no one in America falls through the cracks of our health care system. We are committed to providing efficient, cost-effective service to individuals, families, and employers. We are committed to streamlining health care administration so physicians can focus on treating their patients.

“Our message is clear: the private sector will do its part to bend the health care cost curve. We are initiating the reforms needed to make health care more affordable for families and employers and to put our health care system on a sustainable path.

“We look forward to working with the other stakeholders, the Administration, and members of Congress from both parties to advance this framework and ensure that all Americans have access to affordable health care coverage.”

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