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# **AHIP Statement on Health Care Provisions in Economic Recovery Legislation**

**Washington, D.C.** – Karen Ignagni, President and CEO of America's Health Insurance Plans, issued the following statement today on the health care provisions in the economic recovery legislation:

“This legislation means health security for millions of low-income families and workers going through a job transition. The health IT provisions in this bill will improve health care quality and safety, strengthen privacy protections and preserve patients' access to health plans' care coordination and disease management programs. The investment in comparative effectiveness will yield vital information on the safety and effectiveness of medical treatments and technologies, empowering patients and doctors to make better informed health care decisions.

Strengthening the health care safety net, investing in health information technology and conducting comparative effectiveness research are essential building blocks for comprehensive health care reform. Policymakers should build on this momentum with reforms that ensure all Americans have access to high-quality, affordable health care coverage.”

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