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ANA JOINS PARTNERSHIP FOR PATIENTS *New coalition supports safer, more reliable, less costly care*

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Association (ANA), the nation’s largest nursing organization, is proud to join Partnership for Patients, a coalition of hospitals, providers, patient advocates, employers and state and federal officials dedicated to creating a safer, higher quality health care system. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services Director Donald Berwick announced the partnership at an event today.

“Throughout its history, ANA has been committed to improving patient care through nursing quality measures,” remarked ANA President Karen A. Daley, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN. “We look forward to working with Partnership for Patients on strategies to improve the quality of care, reduce the costs of care delivery, and create a healthier society.”

The Partnership for Patients brings together leaders of major hospitals, employers, providers and patient advocacy groups, along with state and federal governments, in a shared effort to make hospital care safer, more reliable and less costly. The partnership’s initial goals are to increase efforts to prevent harm to patients in hospitals and to improve the continuity and effectiveness of care during transitions between care settings. To learn more about ANA’s work on improving quality, please visit www.ncnq.org.

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