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NAHU PRAISES NAIC'S UNPRECEDENTED SUPPORT OF H.R. 1206

(Arlington, VA) – The National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU) applauds the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) Professional Health Insurance Advisors Task Force's decision to endorse H.R. 1206, the bipartisan legislation introduced by Representatives Mike Rogers (R-MI) and John Barrow (D-GA) that would provide state insurance regulators with greater flexibility with medical loss ratio (MLR) implementation. The NAIC was specifically charged by Congress to craft MLR guidelines for the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).

“This unprecedented action by the NAIC shows the commitment of our nation's insurance commissioners to protecting consumer and employer access to professional health insurance agents and brokers,” said Janet Trautwein, NAHU CEO. “The NAIC recognizes that independent agents and brokers need to be protected in their role as advocates on behalf of American families and businesses. H.R. 1206 is the best way to ensure consumers continue to have access to licensed health insurance professionals who dedicate themselves to helping people find quality, affordable health care coverage.

“We call on Congress to heed the recommendations of the NAIC and pass H.R. 1206, which removes independent agent and broker compensation from the MLR calculation. We also urge the Department of Health and Human Services to take immediate regulatory action by delaying enforcement of the MLR regulation.”

The National Association of Health Underwriters represents 100,000 professional health insurance agents and brokers who provide insurance for millions of Americans. NAHU is headquartered in Arlington, VA. For more information about NAHU, please contact Kelly Loussedes at 703-276-3835 or e-mail kloussedes@nahu.org.

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