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NAHU Commends NAIC's Support of Health Insurance Agents and Brokers

(Arlington, VA) – The National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU) praised the recent passage of the NAIC resolution reaffirming the important role that licensed health insurance agents and brokers play in our nation's health care delivery system.

“The resolution states that the newly created role of exchange navigators in the new law would be limited to directing health care consumers in the health insurance exchange to government agencies and licensed health insurance professionals,” explained NAHU CEO Janet Trautwein. “This will ensure continued access to the services of state-licensed and trained health insurance professionals who serve as counselors and advocates to millions of Americans.

“With the recent passage of federal health care reform, the health care system has become even more complex. Health insurance agents and brokers ensure that consumers and employers have access to an array of health insurance options. They also serve as patient advocates, helping them find the most appropriate health insurance for their particular needs and budget.

“Our industry has always been one of personal relationships with American employers, workers, families and individuals. We are the consumers' advocate and are trained and licensed to answer questions about our health insurance system, as well as provide insight on how the new health care law will impact small businesses and American families.

“Health insurance agents and brokers also help consumers lower their overall health care costs. This role is especially important now in our tight economy with families struggling to make ends meet. NAHU looks forward to our continued work with the NAIC and other regulators in helping to curb the potential health care costs associated with the new federal reform while expanding consumer health care choices.”

The National Association of Health Underwriters represents more than 100,000 professional health insurance agents and brokers who provide insurance for millions of Americans. NAHU is headquartered in Arlington, VA. For more information, visit www.nahu.org.

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