



October 8, 2013

The Honorable Suzanne Bonamici  
U.S. House of Representatives  
439 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Bonamici:

On behalf of the 39 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community, we would like to thank you for introducing the Protecting Access to Primary Care Act (H.R. 2986). Collectively, the Nursing Community represents nearly one million registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), nurse executives, nursing students, nursing faculty, and nurse researchers. Our organizations are committed to improving the health and health care of our nation by collaborating to support advancements in nursing education and practice. We commend you for putting forth this legislation to support APRNs in their role as primary care providers and to ensure Medicaid beneficiaries are able to receive the primary care services they need.

H.R. 2986 would extend the provisions of Section 1202 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (PL 111-152) increasing payment for Medicaid primary care services in 2013 and 2014 to specifically include nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse-midwives, and physician assistants as providers eligible to receive payment for these services at Medicare rates. The Nursing Community applauds your inclusion of these practitioners to recognize the contributions of APRNs in the primary care arena. Moreover, we support your legislation's goal of ensuring that Medicaid beneficiaries have access to high-quality services from a full cadre of primary care clinicians.

Again, we thank you for introducing H.R. 2986 and for serving as a champion for nursing and APRN practice. The Nursing Community supports the broader effort of improving the delivery of primary care services across America, and acknowledges that your work to promote recognition of the healthcare professionals who provide these services, including APRNs, is critical. If our organizations can be of any assistance, please contact Dave Masson at [davemason@nursepractitioneradvocacy.net](mailto:davemason@nursepractitioneradvocacy.net) or 202-251-8107 or Suzanne Miyamoto at [Smiyamoto@aacn.nche.edu](mailto:Smiyamoto@aacn.nche.edu) or 202-463-6930, ext. 247.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses  
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing

American Academy of Nursing  
American Assembly for Men in Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
American Association of Nurse Practitioners  
American College of Nurse-Midwives  
American Nurses Association  
American Organization of Nurse Executives  
American Psychiatric Nurses Association  
American Society for Pain Management Nursing  
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses  
Association of Community Health Nursing Educators  
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care  
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses  
Association of Public Health Nurses  
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses  
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service  
Dermatology Nurses' Association  
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association  
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association  
Infusion Nurses Society  
International Nurses Society on Addictions  
International Society of Psychiatric Nurses  
National American Arab Nurses Association  
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists  
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Association of School Nurses  
National Gerontological Nursing Association  
National Nursing Centers Consortium  
National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing  
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties  
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs  
Oncology Nursing Society  
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association  
Public Health Nursing Section, American Public Health Association  
The Quad Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations