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NAHU Statement on the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act

(Arlington, VA)—Today, Janet Trautwein, executive vice president and CEO of the National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU), issued the following statement on the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008:

“While NAHU strongly supports improved accountability and oversight in marketing and sales practices for all Medicare-related insurance products, we believe that the current public comment regulatory process should be encouraged and allowed to move forward. Statutory changes, at this time, similar to the reforms the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) is proposing, are unnecessary and unlikely to consider fully the broad range of dynamics and many nuances involved in selling and servicing products to America’s seniors. Statutory changes may, in fact, complicate and be inconsistent with ongoing rule making.”

“If, at the end of the regulatory process, Congress is not satisfied with the final CMS rules governing agent and broker marketing and sales activities, further Congressional action may be warranted.”

“We look forward to our continued work with members of Congress and the Administration on this important issue.”

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