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Nurse-Family Partnership Applauds the House of Representatives' Support of Home Visitation for Vulnerable Families through Health Care Reform Legislation

DENVER, CO (Nov. 11, 2009) — Nurse-Family Partnership® commends the House of Representatives for passing the Affordable Health Care for America Act, which includes two key provisions that fulfill President Obama's initiative to fund effective home visitation programs that significantly improve the health, development and well-being of children and families. The provisions that passed as part of H.R. 3962 are:

- **[Section 1904](#)**: Creates a home visitation grant program for States to fund high quality home visitation programs to improve maternal and child health and development, school readiness and economic sufficiency of families, while reducing child abuse, neglect and injuries, juvenile delinquency, and health and educational disparities. This provision calls for \$750M of mandatory funding over five years.
- **[Section 1713](#)**: Simplifies existing Medicaid coverage of nurse home visitation services by providing States with the option of offering nurse home visitation services in a distinct category of service.

Nurse-Family Partnership is particularly grateful to the Members of Congress whose leadership was instrumental in accomplishing this historic event, and for their steadfast support of home visitation and nurse home visitation.

About Nurse-Family Partnership

The Nurse-Family Partnership National Service Office (www.nursefamilypartnership.org) is committed to producing enduring improvements in the health and well being of low-income, first-time parents and their children by helping communities implement and sustain an evidence-based program of home visiting by registered nurses. Nurse-Family Partnership is the most rigorously tested program of its kind. Randomized, controlled trials conducted over 30 years demonstrate multi-generational outcomes that benefit society economically and reduce long-term social service expenditures. Nurse-Family Partnership is headquartered in Denver, Colorado.

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