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Nurse-Family Partnership Applauds the Senate Finance Committee on Improving the Health of Children Through Effective Home Visitation

DENVER, Colo. (Sept. 18, 2009) — Nurse-Family Partnership®, a leading non-profit organization addressing the needs of low income, first-time parents and their children, applauds Chairman Max Baucus and the Senate Finance Committee for including an innovative home visitation grant program in the America's Healthy Future Act to help improve the lives of children and families with home visitation programs and services proven to work and save public resources. This groundbreaking initiative will help pave the way for a healthier, brighter future for children and families. The grant program, which embodies President Obama's bold initiative to reduce poverty and strengthen families, appropriates \$1.5 Billion to States to fund high quality home visitation programs to improve maternal and child health and development, school readiness, and the economic sufficiency of families, while reducing child abuse, neglect and injuries, juvenile delinquency and health and educational disparities among low-income and high-risk children and families. The grant program will empower States to make measurable improvements in health, educational and economic disparities that too often prevent millions of children and families from succeeding. Nurse-Family Partnership is particularly appreciative of the dedication and leadership of Chairman Baucus, Ranking Member Grassley, and Senators Bennet, Bingaman, Brown, Bond, Carper, Casey, Dodd, Durbin, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Lautenberg, Menendez, Murray, Rockefeller, Schumer, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Wyden, and the late Senator Kennedy, whose dedication and lifelong work to improve the lives of children inspires this initiative.

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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