The Indiana State Nurses Association Celebrates the 1 Year Anniversary of Healthy Indiana Plan 2.0

January 27, 2016 marks the one year anniversary of a momentous day in Indiana healthcare, the day Healthy Indiana Plan 2.0 (HIP 2.0) was approved. The Indiana State Nurses Association (ISNA) and the American Nurses Association (ANA) submitted letters of support for the application seeking this approval. Registered nurses of all levels play a vital role in the successful implementation of HIP 2.0. ISNA promotes delivering safe, cost efficient, and quality patient care with compassion. Pursuant to our policy platform, we strive to improve access to healthcare that is appropriate, convenient, and cost effective, with reasonable expense and coverage for all Hoosiers. HIP 2.0 helps us pursue these goals.

Total membership in the program has increased to almost 370,000 Hoosiers. Nearly 70% of HIP 2.0 participants are making contributions to POWER accounts, a health-savings-account-like element of the HIP Plus plan. Enrollee contributions are consistent, with a payment rate of almost 94%. Increased coverage means an increased demand for healthcare services. The Governor's office and the Family & Social Services Administration should be commended for working with stakeholders throughout the implementation process to best meet the healthcare needs of Hoosiers. HIP 2.0 recognizes advanced practice nurses as primary care providers, and ISNA applauds the other reforms our state has made in the last year to incrementally increase utilization of advanced practice nurses.

In addition to providing care to HIP 2.0 enrollees, outreach is an ongoing responsibility for Indiana's nurses. We must be vigilant for opportunities to assist patients that could benefit from HIP 2.0 enrollment and might need assistance navigating the process. If you or any of your patients would like information on the Healthy Indiana Plan, check out www.hip.in.gov or call 1-877-GET-HIP-9 (1-877-438-4479). We look forward to continuing to improve health outcomes for all Hoosiers.

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