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## **NAHU's Capitol Conference**

### **Agents of Change, Seizing the Opportunity!**

(Washington, DC) – The National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU) held its 24th Annual Capitol Conference on February 24-26 in Washington, DC. The theme of the meeting was “Agents of Change, Seizing the Opportunity!” Over 850 health insurance professionals from across the country did just that by promoting resolutions for healthcare issues with congressional leaders.

Sixteen members of the Nevada Association of Health Underwriters (NvAHU) attended this conference, both for the opportunity to learn more about healthcare reform and its impact on healthcare consumers, as well as to communicate the role of the agent to Congress. Members visited with Senator Harry Reid, Senator Dean Heller's legislative aide, Ryan McBride, Congressman Steven Horsford, Congressman Joe Heck and Legislative Aides of Congressman Mark Amodei and Congresswoman Dina Titus. NvAHU members in attendance serve on the various committees of the Clark County Association of Health Underwriters or the Northern Nevada Chapter of the National Association of Health Underwriters, two of over 200 NAHU chapters across the country.

Capitol Conference's guest speakers included key congressional leaders from both sides of the aisle charged with implementing the healthcare reform law. Other presentations addressed the scope and structure of state-based exchanges, individual mandate, essential health benefits, tax credits and penalties, Medicaid expansion, consumer protections and how businesses need to adapt to the new market reality.

“It is important that we focus on moving forward with implementation of what is already regulated and working to improve what we can change,” said NAHU CEO Janet Trautwein. “We are educating agents and brokers so they know what to expect and how to best prepare and assist their clients. We are also working to ensure that agents and brokers are included in the health insurance exchanges, address concerns with the employer mandate, community rating and other market reforms.”

“We were able to meet face to face with our legislators in the Capitol to let them know about the real life challenges their constituents - our clients - are facing,” said Vickie Mayville, NvAHU President. “We brought practical suggestions on how to improve the current laws, and we were able to show them how the agents and brokers in Nevada are working hard to improve access to health care for our fellow Nevadans.”

The National Association of Health Underwriters represents 100,000 professional health insurance agents and brokers who provide insurance for millions of Americans. For more information, please call Larry Harrison at 702-768-7773.

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