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NAHU's Capital Conference Promotes Sensible Health Care Reform Initiatives

(Arlington, VA) – The National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU) held its seventeenth annual Capital Conference on January 29-31 in Washington, DC. The theme of the meeting was “Marching to a New Drum; Changing Directions in Health Insurance” and 700 health insurance professionals from across the country did just that by communicating NAHU’s legislative agenda to congressional leaders.

Teresa “Teri” Gutierrez, Antonio “Tony” Gutierrez, and Liz Gutierrez from Integrated Benefit Solutions, Inc., attended this conference, both for the opportunity to learn more about the political environment for health care reform and to help communicate the importance of free market health insurance to Congress. Teri and Tony have been NAHU members for many years; this was their second Capital Conference. Teri serves as President of the North Carolina Triangle Association of Health Underwriters (NCTAHU), one of over 200 NAHU chapters across the country.

Capital Conference’s guest speakers included leaders in the battle to enact sensible legislation that creates better access to health care. Other presentations explained NAHU’s role in the development of current health care reform initiatives such as health savings accounts (HSAs), consumer directed health care plans (CDHP) high-risk pools, enhancing long-term care insurance and prescription drugs.

“NAHU continues to advocate for a health care system that maximizes choice in health care and promotes a robust and competitive market,” explained NAHU President David Fear. “NAHU has been very active in finding creative solutions to reduce the number of uninsured Americans. We are also very concerned with any initiatives that add to the rising cost of health insurance policies, pricing people out of coverage. NAHU believes that keeping health insurance accessible and affordable is the most important health care reform.”

“All of my clients are concerned about the future of health care and are looking for affordable solutions. That’s why this national conference is so important to me and my clients,” explained TAHU President Teresa Gutierrez.

NCTAHU is an association of health insurance agents, brokers and consultants who are committed to serve our industry and consumers of healthcare in the Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill, North Carolina area. As members of the National Association of Health Underwriters, our mission is to serve the public by promoting the activities and ethical conduct of insurance professionals through communication, education, and legislative representation.

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