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**FAH CONGRATULATES CHAIRMAN BAUCUS AND SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE ON APPROVING HEALTH REFORM**

The following statement was released today by Chip Kahn, President of the Federation of American Hospitals:

Chairman Baucus and the Senate Finance Committee today made a momentous move toward the goal of health reform by completing action on the health reform bill. We congratulate Chairman Baucus and his Committee on developing a framework in which we all can take pride.

The next stage is for this legislation to proceed to the Senate and House floors. We are confident that health reform is on track and look forward to working together with the Senate, House, and the Obama Administration to bring about the reform that our country so desperately needs.

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The Federation of American Hospitals is the national representative of investor-owned or managed hospitals and health systems. Our members include general community and teaching hospitals in urban and rural areas as well as rehabilitation, long-term, cancer and psychiatric hospitals.