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## **Indiana Long Term Care Providers to Meet with Members of Congress**

*IHCA Members travel to Washington D.C. to discuss issues affecting long term care in Indiana*

**INDIANAPOLIS-** Members of the Indiana Health Care Association (IHCA) are meeting with Members of Congress today on Capitol Hill to discuss health care issues related to long term care. The visits are part of the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) 2010 Congressional Briefing that will be held June 8-9, 2010.

“Our message to Congress will be a unified one that stresses two key areas: stabilize Medicare and Medicaid funding and address the critical shortage of nurses and direct care workers,” said Michael Forgey, Chairman of IHCA.

The Congressional visits will occur as change continues in Congress. The demand for long term care continues to increase as the state and nation face a chronic workforce shortage and budget constraints.

“Ultimately IHCA will transfer these discussions into action. Our goal is to ensure quality long term care for Hoosiers,” Forgey said.

Indiana delegates include: Mike Forgey, Millers Health Systems; Doug Shuck, Covenant Care; Dr. Stephen Moore, Cardon and Associates; Robert Kuzman, Ice Miller, Dennis Neary, IHCA; Kevin Pahud, BKD.

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### **About the Indiana Health Care Association (IHCA)**

The Indiana Health Care Association is Indiana's largest trade association and advocate representing proprietary, not-for-profit and hospital-based nursing home and assisted living communities, adult foster care and adult day services. IHCA's 264 member facilities care for more than 25,000 of Indiana's geriatric and developmentally disabled citizens, the majority of whom are low-income Medicaid recipients. To learn more about IHCA, visit [www.ihca.org](http://www.ihca.org).