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Via email

Mark Herzog
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Dear Mark:

We want to invite you to participate in a new AHA advisory group on health reform. Given the change in Congress and Administration, there will be weighty discussions on how best to provide health coverage in America while maintaining quality and reducing costs.

This reevaluation by policymakers provides us with an opportunity to help shape the future of the health care in this country. So that we can gain the best advice from the hospital field on emerging policies, we are convening the Health Reform Advisory Group, which I, Gene, will chair. We are also inviting approximately 25 of your colleagues from around the nation who represent the AHA's diverse membership.

The Health Care Reform Advisory Group will hold 60-minute conference calls every two weeks between late-February and June. We will be sharing the call schedule shortly. We will also host an in-person meeting on April 5th from 9 am to 1 pm in Washington, D.C., with a dinner the evening of April 4th.

AHA staff will be in touch with your office to confirm your willingness to participate. Until then, please contact Ashley Thompson, AHA senior vice president for public policy analysis and development, if you have any questions. She can be reached at athompson@aha.org, or (202) 626-2688. We'll send you materials and a confirmed list of Advisory Group members once plans are set.

As always, thanks for your leadership on this – and other – issues as we seek to improve care for patients and communities.

Sincerely,

Gene Woods
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