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### **AOA Applauds House of Representatives on Passage of Historic Health Care Reform Legislation**

**(Washington, DC)** – The American Osteopathic Association, and the 67,000 osteopathic physicians it represents, congratulates the House of Representatives for passing the “Affordable Health Care for America Act” (H.R. 3962). The passage of this historic legislation is an important step in the legislative process and moves us closer to the enactment of meaningful health care reforms.

The physician-patient relationship is the foundation upon which our health care system is based and H.R. 3962 takes significant steps to offer increased access to health care for all Americans, the promise of innovation in health care delivery models, and a more robust physician workforce. The AOA once again calls upon leaders of the House to ensure that the reforms included in H.R. 3962 reach their full potential by immediately enacting the “Medicare Physician Payment Act” (H.R. 3961) which provides a stable, equitable Medicare reimbursement system.

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