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**THE AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION APPOINTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
BOARD PRESIDENT FOR THE AMERICAN NURSES CREDENTIALING CENTER**

**SILVER SPRING, MD** – The American Nurses Association (ANA) Board of Directors has appointed Debbie Hatmaker, PhD, RN, SANE-A the President of the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Board of Directors. Dr. Hatmaker, along with the newly appointed Board of Directors will serve a two year term helping to guide the ANCC as it advocates for excellence in nursing and health care. Dr. Hatmaker’s distinguished background includes professional certification, president of a national certification board, national leadership positions as president and vice president of two national associations, as well as state nurses’ association leadership roles including president. In her current position she manages a testing center and the continuing education provider/approver units for a state nurses association.

“ANA and ANCC are dedicated to promoting the highest standards of nursing practice,” said ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR. “Dr. Hatmaker and her colleagues on the Board of Directors exemplify a dedication to quality care and professional enrichment that is the hallmark of the ANCC’s mission.”

“I consider it an honor to take on the responsibilities as President of the ANCC Board of Directors,” remarked Dr. Debbie Hatmaker, PhD, RN, SANE-A. “ANCC has always worked to foster a commitment to professional advancement and workplace excellence. Now, with the current healthcare environment focused on the issue of quality, our goal is to ensure ANCC remains at the forefront to improve the quality of patient care through credentialing.”

“Dr. Hatmaker comes with a depth and breadth of experience crucial to the strategic implementation of ANCC’s mission,” said Jeanne Floyd, PhD, RN, CAE, ANCC Executive Director. “I look forward to partnering with her to develop a preferred future for ANCC.” Dr. Hatmaker replaces outgoing Board President

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Pat Yoder-Wise, EdD, RN, CNAA, BC, FAAN. “Pat’s great energy, professional and personal generosity and wisdom created the foundation for the many successes realized during her presidential tenure,” added Floyd. Under Yoder-Wise, ANCC doubled the number of Magnet recognized facilities to the current 255, including hospitals in New Zealand and Australia.

The American Nurses Association established the ANA Certification Program in 1973 to provide tangible recognition of professional achievement in a defined functional or clinical area of nursing. The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) became its own corporation, a subsidiary of ANA in 1991, and expanded internationally in 1999. The ANCC provides individuals and organizations throughout the nursing profession with the tools they need on their journey towards excellence. ANCC’s internationally renowned credentialing programs certify nurses in specialty practice areas; recognize health organizations for nursing excellence through the Magnet Recognition Program®; and accredit providers and approvers of continuing nursing education. In addition, ANCC offers an array of informational and educational services and products to support its core credentialing programs.

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