



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 28, 2002

CONTACT: Richard Coorsh

(202) 624-1527

e-mail: rcoorsh@americashospitals.com

***FEDERATION STATEMENT
ON HOUSE MEDICARE PACKAGE***

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

“Chairman Thomas and Chairwoman Johnson are putting together a great Medicare bill,” said Federation of American Hospitals president Chip Kahn. “Their bill gives prescription drug coverage to our seniors that they desperately need, and it also provides significant relief to America's hospitals at a time when we face great pressure from nursing shortages, bio-terrorism preparedness requirements, an aging population, and ever increasing costs. We wholeheartedly support this legislative package, and look forward to working with the Chairs to get this important bill passed and enacted this year,” Kahn concluded.

###

The Federation of American Hospitals (“FAH”) is the national representative of privately owned and managed community hospitals and health systems throughout the United States.