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**PATIENTS' CHOICE ACT IS AFFORDABLE, EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE REFORM—
GOODMAN**

*NCPA President and Patient Power Author Says Bill Delivers What Universal Health Care Only
Promises*

DALLAS, TX (May 20, 2009)— The health care reforms proposed today by Sens. Tom Coburn (R-OK) and Richard Burr (R-NC) and Reps. Paul Ryan (R-WI) and Devin Nunes (R-CA) would go a long way to reducing health care costs, improving health care quality, and giving every American the opportunity to choose a health care plan that best meets their needs.

“These reforms will achieve the same additional coverage as promised in the Obama plan, but will do so at no additional cost to taxpayers,” said NCPA President and Kellye Wright Fellow in Health Care John C. Goodman. He explained that the ideas in the legislation would create a level playing field for all Americans to buy health insurance by granting everyone the same tax treatment.

These and other important reforms are contained in a bill, “The Patients’ Choice Act of 2009,” introduced this morning. The reforms modify the tax system to treat all Americans the same whether they are self-employed, whether they buy the insurance provided by their employer or whether they buy insurance independently.

Dr. Goodman is available to talk about the impact of this latest development in health care reform.

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