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**Statement from the Physician Insurers Association of America On
White House Demonstration Projects Memo**

Rockville, MD – September 17, 2009 – In response to the memo issued by the White House press office instructing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to begin implementation of the proposed demonstration projects, Lawrence E. Smarr, president of the Physician Insurers Association of America (PIAA), issued the following statement:

The President's memorandum is consistent with his statement made last Wednesday regarding state demonstration projects. The PIAA is in favor of this concept, however, we believe that such programs should be promulgated, funded and overseen by Congress. The President has put this initiative on the fast track. Rather than speed, we are much more concerned that the demonstration project program, whether done by Congress or the Administration, is done correctly and that only proven and effective reforms are considered at the outset.

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