

June 30, 2010

United States Comptroller General
Government Accountability Office, Health Care
Attention: National Health Care Workforce Commission Nominations
441 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20548

Dear Controller,

On behalf of the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL), I would like to nominate Brian Biles, PhD, MPH, to be a member of the National Health Care Workforce Commission. Dr. Biles is currently a Professor in the Department of Health Policy at George Washington University. From his first professional job as a legislative assistant to a Kansas Congressman, to his position as Senior Vice President of the Commonwealth Foundation, Dr. Biles has been helping to analyze and shape the nation's health care policy for more than three decades and has spent much of that time in government service.

During his seven years as staff director of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health, Dr. Biles helped to guide debate on Medicare and health financing legislation. Later, as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health at the Department of Health and Human Services in the Clinton Administration, he led policy development on health reform and public health issues. Dr. Biles also served as Deputy Secretary for Maryland's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, where he was responsible for state programs in public health, Medicaid, health regulation and more.

Among other professional activities, Dr. Biles served as Director of the National Commission on Nursing Workforce for Long-Term Care, which issued its final report on worker retention and recruitment in April 2005. He also chairs the Medical Administrators Conference, and is a member of Delta Omega, a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine and an Invited Lecturer at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

In short, we believe that Brian Biles, PhD, MPH would be a valuable and effective asset to the workforce committee. His extensive knowledge and dedication to the long term care workforce makes Dr. Biles an ideal candidate for the National Health Care Workforce Committee.

Sincerely,

Bruce Yarwood



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