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PHCA commends Governor Rendell for protecting vulnerable populations *Nursing Home Assessments Viewed As Method for Sustained Funding*

Harrisburg – The Pennsylvania Health Care Association (PHCA) today applauded Governor Ed Rendell’s budget plan for protecting vulnerable populations including seniors and children, where he announced nursing home assessments as a means of sustaining current long term care funding levels, thereby avoiding painful reductions in Medical eligibility and services.

“We are dedicated to working with the Rendell administration and the General Assembly in developing an assessment that provides additional funding for Medical eligibility and services when the Commonwealth is facing one of the worst budget crises ever,” Alan Rosenbloom, President and CEO of PHCA said. “We see this as a way to preserve access to care for the 90,000 frail and older Pennsylvanians who reside in nursing homes and the 54,000 who reside in personal care homes.”

Pennsylvania is not alone in dealing with a budget crisis, therefore nursing home assessments have been used in other states as a way of sustaining the health care budget.

“We look forward to working with the General Assembly and the Rendell administration in bringing these concepts to fruition,” concluded Rosenbloom.

PHCA is a statewide membership services organization representing more than 325 long-term care and senior service providers throughout the Commonwealth. Additional information about PHCA is available by calling 717-221-1800 or visiting www.phca.org.

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