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AHCA Statement on FY 2021 SNF PPS Proposed Rule

Washington, D.C. — Mark Parkinson, President and CEO at the American Health Care Association (AHCA), made the following statement regarding the Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System (SNF PPS) FY 2021 proposed rule from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

"We applaud CMS for issuing this SNF PPS proposed rule. Skilled nursing facilities across the country are working around the clock to protect the people who are most vulnerable to COVID-19. That work makes this 2.3 percent market basket increase more important than ever. Our long term care staff are heroically going above and beyond to care for millions of residents amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This proposed rule, combined with the Patient-Driven Payment Model implemented last year, helps us continue our work to provide the highest quality care possible. With an all-in margin of -0.3 percent, there are still real challenges for skilled nursing providers. However, this increase gets us headed in the right direction. We thank Administrator Verma and the Administration for this action."

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The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) represents more than 14,000 non-profit and proprietary skilled nursing centers, assisted living communities, post-acute centers and homes for individuals with intellectual and development disabilities. By delivering solutions for quality care, AHCA/NCAL aims to improve the lives of the millions of frail, elderly and individuals with disabilities who receive long term or post-acute care in our member facilities each day. For more information, please visit www.ahca.org or www.ncal.org.