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ANCC Executive Director Jeanne Floyd Announces Retirement

Silver Spring, MD – Capping her distinguished career in nursing, Jeanne Floyd, PhD, RN, CAE, announced her retirement today from the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Dr. Floyd has served as the organization's executive director for nearly 10 years and has led ANCC through a period of triple-digit growth. Her retirement is effective at the end of 2010, and she will serve as a consultant to ANCC through the first quarter of 2011.

Dr. Floyd has presided over many major accomplishments during her tenure, including the exponential growth of the Magnet Recognition Program[®] from 22 designated hospitals at the end of 2000 to the 372 currently recognized organizations around the world. Keeping pace with the growth of the program, Dr. Floyd initiated the first National Magnet Conference[®] in 2003 with 1,200 attendees. In October 2010, ANCC expects to host more than 6,500 nurses at this year's conference in Phoenix, AZ.

Under Dr. Floyd's leadership, ANCC's nursing certification program has been fulfilling its leadership role as the largest credentialing organization in the world. ANCC's certification program currently recognizes close to 150,000 ANCC board-certified nurses, with a total of more than a quarter of a million nurses certified since 1990.

From the launch of the Pathway to Excellence[®] Program to the relationships that Dr. Floyd has fostered with other professional nursing organizations, ANCC has benefited from her leadership and vision.

"We are extremely grateful for Jeanne's commitment and passion for nursing excellence. Her steady hand has led ANCC to its 20th anniversary as a leader in its field. We wish her all the best in this new phase of her life," says ANCC President Debbie Dawson Hatmaker, PhD, RN-BC, SANE-A.

Prior to joining ANCC, Dr. Floyd served as the director of strategic development for the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International. Among her other professional experiences, she served as executive director of the Midwest Alliance in Nursing in Indianapolis, IN. While in this role, she was named Indiana Association Executive of the Year by the Indiana Society for Association Executives.

The ANCC Board of Directors has appointed Dr. Karen Drenkard as the new executive director, to begin her tenure on January 1, 2011. Dr. Drenkard has served as the senior director of credentialing operations since January 2010 and the director of the Magnet Recognition Program since 2008. She came to ANCC having served as the senior vice president and chief nursing officer of Inova Health System for nearly a decade. A national search will begin immediately for a new director of the Magnet Recognition Program. The search for the new Magnet director will be conducted by Donna Herrin-Griffith at Wheless Partners. For information on the position, contact Senior Search Consultant Stephanie Franklin at sfranklin@whelesspartners.com or 817.236.2207.

ANCC has created a virtual guest book at www.nursecredentialing.org/JeanneFloyd.aspx where co-workers and colleagues can send Dr. Floyd a note of congratulations on her many accomplishments. Donations to the **Margretta Madden Styles Credentialing Scholars Grants Program** or the **ICN Girl-Child Fund** would be appreciated in lieu of celebrations.

About ANCC

The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association (ANA), provides individuals and organizations throughout the nursing profession with the resources they need to achieve practice excellence. ANCC's internationally renowned credentialing programs certify nurses in specialty practice areas; recognize healthcare organizations for promoting safe, positive work environments through the Magnet Recognition Program[®] and the Pathway to Excellence[®] Program; and accredit providers of continuing nursing education. In addition, ANCC's Institute for Credentialing Innovation[®] provides leading-edge information and education services and products to support its core credentialing programs. For more information, visit www.nursecredentialing.org