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**INSPIRATIONAL LEADER RECEIVES PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
FROM AMERICAN NURSES CREDENTIALING CENTER  
DEBBIE DAWSON HATMAKER, PhD, RN-BC, SANE-A**

SILVER SPRING, Md.—The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) has given its prestigious President's Award to Debbie Dawson Hatmaker, PhD, RN-BC, SANE-A, for her distinguished tenure as president of the ANCC Board of Directors. From 2006 to 2011, Hatmaker advanced ANCC's mission to promote nursing excellence and healthcare quality around the globe.

Current ANCC Board President Michael L. Evans, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN presented the award at the organization's National Magnet Conference<sup>®</sup> in Baltimore.

"As President, Debbie worked tirelessly to support ANCC in multiple ways," Dr. Evans said. "She provided steady leadership through change and a difficult economic climate. The flawless execution of her time in office led to impressive outcomes for ANCC and the Magnet<sup>®</sup> community."

Hatmaker was a passionate advocate for ANCC, traveling the country to promote the organization and pushing for the achievement of challenging goals. Under her leadership, ANCC became the first and only healthcare credentialing organization in the country to attain full ISO 9001:2008 certification. ISO is the international standard that assures stakeholders of an organization's ability to meet rigorous quality requirements and gives ANCC the ultimate credibility in granting recognition for nursing excellence to others.

Hatmaker also presided over unprecedented growth in all of ANCC's programs, moving the organization ever-closer to its vision of becoming a transformational force for global healthcare through excellence in credentialing.

**About the Award**

The President's Award recognizes exceptional leaders who have partnered with the ANCC president to advance the mission, vision, and strategic goals of the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Honorees are personally selected by the president, rather than a committee, and the award is given only when the occasion is warranted. Past recipients include those who have enhanced nurse professionalism and helped make ANCC the premier credentialing organization it is today.

**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<sup>®</sup> Programs; and accredit providers and approvers of continuing nursing education. In addition, ANCC's Institute for Credentialing Innovation<sup>®</sup> provides leading-edge information and education services and products to support its core credentialing programs. The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) is the first and only healthcare certification organization in the United States to have successfully achieved ISO 9001:2008 certification.

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