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NEW REPORT: HOSPITALS SERVE AS KEY JOB CREATORS

WASHINGTON (January 24, 2013) – The nation’s hospitals annually employ 5.5 million people and create two trillion dollars in economic activity, yet some in Congress continue to threaten access to hospital services. The economic contribution of hospitals, highlighted in a new report released today by the American Hospital Association (AHA), is often critical to communities.

“Hospitals provide vital health care services to their communities, but the importance of hospitals to their communities extends far beyond health care,” said AHA President and CEO Rich Umbdenstock. “Congress should not overlook the economic contribution of hospitals as it considers further deficit reduction proposals.”

Hospitals are an economic mainstay, providing jobs and economic activity in communities across the country. Health care added jobs steadily even during the recent recession, contributing an average of 28,000 new jobs per month in 2012. Additionally, hospitals:

- Employ almost 5.5 million individuals and support an additional 10 million jobs elsewhere in the economy through “ripple effects”.
- Provide stability and growth during times of recession.
- Are the second largest source of private sector jobs.
- Spend over \$702 billion on goods and services from other businesses.

The economic contributions of hospitals report is available at www.aha.org/economicimpact

About the AHA

The AHA is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the health improvement of their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which includes more than 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks, other providers of care and 42,000 individual members. Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends. For more information, visit the AHA Web site at www.aha.org.

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