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Federation of American Hospitals Statement of Commitment on Antibiotic Stewardship

The Federation of American Hospitals (FAH), founded in 1966, is the national representative of more than 1,000 investor-owned or managed community hospitals and health systems throughout the United States. Our members include hospitals in urban and rural America, as well as inpatient rehabilitation, psychiatric, long-term acute care, and cancer hospitals. Investor-owned hospitals serve their communities proudly while providing high-quality healthcare to their patients.

The FAH applauds the Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the development of the *National Strategy on Combatting Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria*. The FAH commits to working with the White House and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to ensure that our member hospitals have the latest information to enable their ongoing work to join in partnership to reduce the misuse and overuse of antibiotics. As a trade association, the FAH will facilitate discussions and educational programming through our communication tools including our website, national meetings, and the FAH policy blog.

The FAH supports continued work on the important issue of misuse or overuse of antibiotics as it remains a global public health concern. The FAH will continue to work with other national stakeholders to share the latest information and resources on the appropriate use of antimicrobials.

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