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**IHA NAMES KIMBERLY C. PARKER VICE PRESIDENT OF  
FEDERAL RELATIONS**

Naperville, IL – The Illinois Hospital Association (IHA) has named Kimberly C. Parker Vice President of Federal Relations. Parker will be based in IHA’s office in Washington, DC.

Parker will be responsible for interfacing with the federal government on key hospital and health care issues, including the U.S. Congress, the executive branch and federal agencies, such as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. She reports to Howard A. Peters, Senior Vice President of Government Relations.

Before joining IHA, Parker served as chief of staff for two members of Congress, Bobby Rush (D-IL) of Chicago and Laura Richardson (D-CA) of the Los Angeles/Long Beach area. She directed their Washington and district offices and served as chief policy advisor on Medicare, Medicaid and the public health service.

Prior to working in Congress, Parker was Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation at HHS. She also worked in several legislative and governmental affairs capacities for the American Postal Workers Union, the American Federation of Government Employees and the United Way. Parker is a graduate of Howard University.

“We are excited that Kimberly Parker is joining the Illinois Hospital Association to ensure that the views and concerns of the Illinois hospital community are well represented in Washington,” said IHA President Maryjane Wurth. “Her depth of experience and knowledge about Congress and key health care issues are especially critical. Hospitals are on the frontlines to transform health care and ensure that we have a sustainable, quality system going forward as health reform is implemented.”

The Illinois Hospital Association, with offices in Naperville, Springfield and Washington D.C., is an advocate for 200 Illinois hospitals and health systems and the patients and communities they serve. Additional information about IHA is available online at [www.ihatoday.org](http://www.ihatoday.org).

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