

**SAMPLE LETTER FOR HOUSE
MEDICAL HOME DEMONSTRATION**

The Honorable Representative
United States House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Representative _____

It has come to my attention that legislation to facilitate the implementation of the Medical Home Demonstration Project initiated in the Medicare Improvement and Extension Act of 2006 is being considered at this time. This project, because it has been limited to physicians, excludes other primary care providers such as nurse practitioners from participating in the demonstrations.

Nurse practitioners provide high quality primary care that meets the NCQA standards for the medical home i.e. personal providers, care that is coordinated by that provider, that is whole person oriented, coordinated and integrated, of high quality and safe and that enhances access.

I am writing to ask for your help to see that nurse practitioners be included as named participants in the demonstration adjustment that is being proposed at this time. At a time when primary care providers are so greatly needed, the exclusion of this very important group of provider, from these demonstrations would be a mistake.

Nurse practitioners have been demonstrated to provide high quality, cost effective primary care. They need to be included in these models in order to help meet the unmet health care needs of this country.

Please include us. We want to help, but cannot when we are excluded from the legislation that is introduced to explore ways to enhance the provision of primary care.

If you would like to discuss this further, feel free to call Dr. Jan Towers at the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Office of Health Policy (202-966-6414); E-mail: dcoffice@aanp.org. Thank you for your advocacy and help in this matter.

Sincerely,

***Brackets and italics suggest where you may wish to personalize or add your own comments. It is important for the legislators to know that you are their constituents and for your letters to be as original as possible.**

*Address: Representative: The Honorable _____,
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We recommend that you fax and/or email your Representatives as well, since regular mail still passes through lengthy security inspection.

Please cc copies of your correspondence to Dr. Jan Towers, Office of Health Policy, American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, Box 40130, Washington, DC 20016