



# SWIAHU

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## Health Insurance Awareness Week October 7 - 13, 2007

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Oaklyn Library -- SWIAHU is presenting a public educational meeting, *The Future of Health Insurance*.

### OUR NEXT MEETING..

**Thursday**

**October 11, 2007**

11:30 AM

*Kipplees' Party House*

**Vaneta Becker**

**Indiana State Senator  
District 50**

Vaneta Becker was first elected to the IN House of Representatives in 1981 and served until 2005 when she was appointed to the IN Senate to serve Vanderburgh and Warrick counties.



Sen. Becker serves on the Commerce Committee, the Public Policy & Interstate Cooperation committee, the Economic Development and Technology committee (*Technology Subcommittee*), and the Homeland Security, Transportation & Veterans Affairs (*Public Safety Subcommittee*).

This summer, Sen. Becker was appointed to serve on seven summer study committees: vice chairman of the Interim Study Committee on Missing Children, Community and Home Options to Institutional Care for the Elderly and Disabled Board, the Health Finance Commission, Indiana Commission for Women, Joint Study Committee on Mass Transit and Transportation Alternatives, Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission and New Harmony Commission.

The **Community and Home Options to Institutional Care for Elderly and Disabled Board** establishes the state's long term goals for the continuum of care for the elderly and disabled, and the **Health Finance Commission** was established to study health finance in Indiana.

Sen. Becker received her B.S. from the University of Southern Indiana and works full time as a Real Estate Broker for F.C. Tucker/Huber Realtors. She and her husband Andy reside in Evansville.

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## Upcoming Events...

October 7 - 13, 2007	Health Insurance Awareness Week
October 9, 2007 Oaklyn Library	Public Meeting <i>The Future of Health Insurance</i>
October 11, 2007 Kipplees'	Sen. Vaneta Beckera <i>IN Legislative Issues</i>
November 8, 2007 location TBA	Bernie Klipsch <i>Employee Assistance Plans</i>
December 13, 2007 location TBA	Christmas Party

## LEGISLATIVELY SPEAKING...

### SCHIP LEGISLATION VETOED

On Wednesday, October 3, President Bush vetoed SCHIP legislation. The Senate has enough votes to override the veto, but the House is short the needed votes.

The original House measure (H.R. 3162), included as a partial funding mechanism, cuts to Medicare Advantage plans. This language was removed from the compromise agreement, HR 976.

The vast majority of NAHU's legislative recommendations on premium assistance, which allows SCHIP dollars to subsidize the cost of employer sponsored coverage for eligible children, were included in the compromise bill, and our letter of support for these provisions received a great deal of attention on the Hill last week. NAHU will spend the next few weeks working with coalition partners to advocate a reasonable compromise between congressional leaders and the president on SCHIP, and to ensure that our premium-assistance recommendations remain a part of the legislation.

In our letter of support,, Janet Trautwein Executive Vice President and CEO of NAHU wrote... *NAHU is very supportive of your efforts to keep this important safety net program a dependable and viable option for health care access for lower-income children... The bipartisan SCHIP agreement (H.R. 976) takes specific steps to improve the premium assistance process for states to voluntarily use SCHIP dollars to subsidize and leverage employer-sponsored coverage so that more families can be covered together at potentially lower cost under the same health insurance plan... Allowing states to pursue innovative and cost-efficient partnerships with the existing private insurance market is an important foundation for ensuring that SCHIP works to combine the best that the public and private sectors have to offer.*



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**October 7-13, 2007**

**Health  
Insurance  
Awareness  
Week**

The Southwest Indiana Association of Health Underwriters, Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels and Evansville Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfle has proclaimed October 7-13, 2007 to be Health Insurance Awareness Week.

The public is welcome to join us on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at Oaklyn Library from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. to learn more about Consumer Driven Health Care and insights on Universal Health Care.

For questions, please contact Dennis Woehler, President of the local chapter of the National Association of Health Underwriters at 812-204-7289.



# STATE OF INDIANA

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

# PROCLAMATION

Executive Order

To ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETING:

- WHEREAS, more families own insurance than any other form of personal protection; and
- WHEREAS, insurance underwriting is the process of identifying risks and offering solutions which protect and enhance the financial lives of individuals and businesses using health and disability insurance and other closely related financial products; and
- WHEREAS, insurance renders a great service by carrying policyholders dollars back to our community, where they aid all segments of the economy; and
- WHEREAS, all persons can benefit by using health insurance professionals and informed decisions about insurance; and
- WHEREAS, the Indiana State Association of Health Underwriters is cooperating in a program to inform the public of the many varied aspects of insurance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim October 7-13, 2007 as

### HEALTH INSURANCE WEEK

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto  
set my hand and cause to be affixed the  
Great Seal of State. Done at the  
City of Indianapolis, this 1<sup>st</sup>  
day of October in the year of our  
Lord 2007 and of the Independence  
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BY THE GOVERNOR:

*M E Daniels, Jr.*