Facts about The Joint Commission’s public policy initiatives

The Joint Commission brings together health care experts to discuss issues that are of greatest concern to health care leaders and workers to identify workable solutions, and assign specific accountabilities for action. The Joint Commission’s public policy initiatives are:

- Development of a National Performance Data Management Strategy
- Emergency Preparedness
- Health Literacy and Patient Safety
- Hospital of the Future
- Nurse Staffing Crisis
- Organ Donation
- Tort Resolution and Injury Prevention

The following white papers are available on The Joint Commission Web site at www.jointcommission.org:

- “What Did the Doctor Say?: Improving Health Literacy to Protect Patient Safety,” published in February 2007
- “Health Care at the Crossroads: Strategies for Improving the Medical Liability System and Preventing Patient Injury,” published in February 2005

Additional resources on The Joint Commission Web site:

- “Standing Together: An Emergency Planning Guide for America's Communities”
- “Surge Hospitals: Providing Safe Care in Emergencies”

For more information about the public policy initiatives, visit www.jointcommission.org, or contact Terri Tye, director of Public Affairs, at ttye@jointcommission.org.