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**STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNING
THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION SAFETY AND INNOVATION ACT
INTO LAW**

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We thank President Obama for signing *The Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act* into law today. The number of drug shortages has tripled in the last six years and they are having an impact on patient care. However, the new law is a concrete step in the right direction in addressing this issue.

With nearly 100 percent of hospitals reporting shortages, access to life-saving drugs is essential. The law will help hospitals obtain that critical access.

It helps ease the strain that hospitals across the country have faced in dealing with drug shortages by improving communications between manufacturers and the public; providing FDA additional authority to speed up approvals; and allowing health systems to take practical steps to conserve their inventory of drugs.

The AHA looks forward to continuing to work with Congress and the administration to help America's hospitals provide the best treatments for their patients.

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