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MHPA Welcomes AlohaCare as Its Newest Member

WASHINGTON, DC (May 11, 2020) – Today, Craig A. Kennedy, MPH, President and CEO of Medicaid Health Plans of America (MHPA), the premier trade association dedicated exclusively to advocating on behalf of Medicaid plans, announced that AlohaCare of Hawai`i is the latest Medicaid managed care organization (MMCO) to join the organization. Francoise Culley-Trotman, AlohaCare's interim CEO, will begin serving as the tenth member of MHPA's Board of Directors.

"We are excited to welcome AlohaCare to MHPA," said Kennedy. "The high-quality health care services they provide to Hawai`i's most vulnerable populations reflect the shared commitment our members have for the nation's Medicaid beneficiaries. We are honored to bring AlohaCare into the fold, and work collectively with us to promote our common pro-Medicaid agenda to U.S. policymakers."

Founded in 1994 by Hawai`i's Community Health Centers (CHC), AlohaCare today provides coverage to more than 60,000 people across the state making it one of the largest Medicaid health plans in Hawai`i. With CHCs representing a majority of its executive leadership, AlohaCare's governance ensures a continuing commitment to their local communities and the health care needs of their members.

"Our passion at AlohaCare is to serve the people of Hawai`i in the true spirit of aloha," explained Culley-Trotman. "Becoming an MHPA member will help us to reinforce our steadfast commitment to improving the health of all Hawai`i's communities and providing vital care for underserved people with specific health needs. We are thrilled to join the MHPA family and look forward to a long, mutually-rewarding association."

"MHPA is proud to be the voice for Medicaid managed care organizations and we welcome AlohaCare's membership," said Catherine Anderson, Chair of MHPA's Board of Directors and Senior Vice President at UnitedHealthcare – Community & State. "This is a very unsettling time for our country and having a unified voice through MHPA ensures Medicaid program needs are heard as major decisions are being made."

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ABOUT MHPA

Founded in 1995, Medicaid Health Plans of America (MHPA) represents the interests of the Medicaid managed care industry through advocacy and research to support innovative policy solutions that enhance the delivery of comprehensive, cost-effective, and quality health care for Medicaid enrollees. MHPA works on behalf of its 90-member health plans, known as managed care organizations (MCOs), which serve approximately 23 million Medicaid enrollees in 36 states, or about one-third of all Medicaid beneficiaries in states with managed care delivery systems. MHPA's members include both for-profit and non-profit, national and regional, as well as single-state health plans that compete in the Medicaid market. www.medicaidplans.org | [@MHPA](https://twitter.com/MHPA)