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MHPA Statement on President Biden Selecting Chiquita Brooks-LaSure to Lead CMS

Washington, DC, February 19, 2021 - Medicaid Health Plans of America (MHPA), the only association solely representing Medicaid managed care organizations, released the following statement in response to President Biden’s selection of Chiquita Brooks-LaSure to lead the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Brooks-LaSure served in the Obama Administration as a senior CMS official and helped implement the Affordable Care Act’s (ACA) coverage expansion and other provisions of the health reform law. She also worked as a senior staff member on Capitol Hill for the House Ways and Means Committee.

“MHPA congratulates Chiquita Brooks-LaSure for being selected by President Biden to fill this critically important position. The CMS Administrator plays a leading role in our nation’s health care system, which includes Medicaid and managed care. Ms. Brooks-LaSure has proven herself as a key leader in the fight to provide quality, affordable health care to the most vulnerable among us, and we look forward to being a continued partner to CMS leadership in strengthening and enhancing Medicaid for the more than 75 million beneficiaries that rely on the program for comprehensive health coverage and care.”

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About Medicaid Health Plans of America

Founded in 1995, the 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 120+ member health plans, known as managed care organizations (MCOs), which serve approximately



36 million Medicaid enrollees in 38 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.

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