

**NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 1, 2021**

MHPA Contact:

Jenni Muns, Associate Director of Communications & Media Relations
jmunsm@mhpa.org | (202) 857-5770

MHPA Statement on House Passage of American Rescue Plan

Washington, DC, March 1, 2021 - Medicaid Health Plans of America (MHPA), the only association solely representing Medicaid managed care organizations, released the following statement on House passage of the American Rescue Plan, which was [proposed by President Biden in January](#) to help combat the COVID-19 pandemic. The legislation includes several Medicaid provisions that are consistent with MHPA's past COVID-19 stimulus legislative requests, including a new state option to provide postpartum coverage for up to 12 months and incentives for the remaining 14 states to implement Medicaid expansion. These priorities are [outlined in a letter](#) MHPA sent to the House Energy and Commerce Committee last month.

“MHPA is pleased the House passed this much-needed legislation to provide relief to American families struggling in light of the COVID-19 crisis. Our association knows that support and investment in the Medicaid program is critical to addressing the severe public health and economic crisis we continue to face due to the pandemic. The Medicaid provisions included in this legislation will help ensure vulnerable individuals can receive quality, comprehensive care through Medicaid - a win for low-income families and state and local economies. Moving forward, we urge Congress to consider an additional temporary Medicaid Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) increase in any future recovery legislation for all states to address the fiscal burden resulting from the pandemic and the urgent needs of Medicaid beneficiaries and safety-net providers. MHPA and our member health plans look forward to continuing to work with Congress and the Administration to further strengthen the Medicaid program and its federal-state partnership.”

###



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.

www.medicaidplans.org