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MHPA Statement on Confirmation of Xavier Becerra as HHS Secretary

Washington, DC, March 18, 2021 - Medicaid Health Plans of America (MHPA), the only association solely representing Medicaid managed care organizations, released the following statement on the Senate’s confirmation of Xavier Becerra as Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary.

“MHPA congratulates Xavier Becerra on his confirmation as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Through his prior experience as a senior member of the United States House of Representatives Ways & Means Committee, as Attorney General of California, and as a leader in state government, Mr. Becerra has proven himself as a champion and fierce advocate in the ongoing effort to ensure that everyone in America has access to high quality, affordable health care. We believe that Secretary Becerra’s leadership will help our nation better address, and recover from, the current COVID-19 health crisis. MHPA looks forward to being a partner to Secretary Becerra and the entire HHS team 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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