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## **MHPA Statement on Confirmation of Chiquita Brooks-LaSure to Lead CMS**

**Washington, DC, May 25, 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 Chiquita Brooks-LaSure to lead the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

"MHPA congratulates Chiquita Brooks-LaSure on her confirmation as head of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. We are eager to work with Administrator Brooks-LaSure as she takes on this new role, which has significant influence over our nation's health care system, including MHPA's 130+ member managed care organizations that serve over 40 million Medicaid enrollees nationwide. Administrator Brooks-LaSure has proven herself as a tireless advocate for quality, affordable health care for everyone across the country, and we look forward to collaborating with her and the entire CMS leadership team on a host of issues affecting the vulnerable populations our member health plans serve. These include encouraging the remaining states that have not yet adopted Medicaid expansion to exercise this option, addressing the challenges faced from numerous social determinants of health, and improving health equity - all priorities we share with Administrator Brooks-LaSure."

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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 130+ member health plans, known as managed care organizations (MCOs), which serve more than 40 million Medicaid enrollees in 40 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. MHPA's



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