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MHPA Announces Creation of State Affairs Committee, Appoints Inaugural Chair, Hiring New State Affairs Director

Washington, DC, June 15, 2022 - Medicaid Health Plans of America (MHPA) announced the creation of a new State Affairs Committee, as well as the appointment of Stephanie Myers, Manager of Public Policy at AmeriHealth Caritas, as the Committee's Inaugural Chair. The State Affairs Committee will be responsible for the identification, development, and management of key Medicaid and managed care issues at the state level, as well as strategic relationships with state health plan associations, with the purpose of advancing the priorities of MHPA. The Committee will provide guidance and support to MHPA staff, including a new [Director of State Affairs](#), relating to activities and initiatives that directly impact state Medicaid programs and MCOs.

"MHPA is excited to launch this new committee to help our organization further its mission of ensuring Medicaid enrollees have access to the high-quality health care and services they need and deserve, and we thank Stephanie for stepping into the position of Chair," **said Shannon Attanasio, MHPA's Vice President of Government Relations and Advocacy.** "Stephanie has extensive experience in Medicaid policy, leading the state affairs work for a major Medicaid MCO, and I am confident she will do a wonderful job helping to build out a very active and robust State Affairs Committee."

"I'm honored and excited to be chosen as the first Chair of MHPA's State Affairs Committee," **said Myers.** "In the time that AmeriHealth Caritas has been a member plan of MHPA, we've had some great discussions with MHPA staff and our Medicaid MCO colleague organizations about the importance of Medicaid advocacy at the state and local level. I'm excited to have more of these conversations, and I look forward to working with the committee to amplify the important work being done by MHPA."

Prior to joining AmeriHealth Caritas in 2017, Myers served as the Manager of Waiver Operations at the New Jersey Department of Human Services' Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services. In this role, she supported the coordination and implementation of all provisions of the state's Medicaid Section 1115 Comprehensive Waiver. She also worked at the New Jersey Department of the Treasury's Division of Pensions and Benefits from 2005 to 2013.

To bolster the efforts of our new State Affairs Committee, MHPA is hiring a [Director of State Affairs](#). This position will be responsible for identifying, developing, and managing strategic relationships with MHPA member plan state affairs teams and state health plan associations, with the purpose of advancing the Medicaid and managed care priorities of MHPA. More information on applying can be found [here](#).

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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 130+ member health plans, known as managed care organizations (MCOs), which serve nearly 43 million Medicaid enrollees in 40 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. 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