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New Chair, Vice Chair Appointed to MHPA State Affairs Committee

WASHINGTON, DC – **Danielle Pavliv, director of state public policy, at Humana and Stephen Cozzo, vice president, government relations and external affairs/public policy at AmeriHealth Caritas** are the new Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, of the Medical Health Plans of America’s (MHPA) State Affairs Committee.

MHPA’s State Affairs Committee is responsible for the identification, development, and management of key Medicaid and managed care issues at the state level, as well as building strategic relationships with state health plan associations. Pavliv and Cozzo will work closely with MHPA’s Director of State Affairs Stephanie Myers on activities and initiatives that directly impact state Medicaid programs and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs).

“With the redetermination process upon us and new managed care regulations soon to be announced, it’s a dynamic and challenging time for Medicaid, MCOs, and state governments,” said Myers. “Danielle and Steve’s wealth of Medicaid expertise and decades of public policy experience in the managed care industry make them invaluable assets that will help inform and guide MHPA’s state managed care strategies, and we’re honored to have them serve in these capacities.”

As director of state public policy for Humana, Pavliv develops policy positions on Medicaid and is a subject matter expert on Dual Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs) and Dual Eligibles while working cross-functionally with Humana’s other subject matter experts and business units. Prior to Humana, she worked for Health Management Associates (HMA), where she collaborated with a range of clients across the health care spectrum to conduct policy analysis; project management, planning, implementation, and evaluation; market analyses and strategy; and RFP development, writing and review.

As vice president for government relations and external affairs/public policy for AmeriHealth Caritas, Cozzo leads a team of Public Policy experts with a focus on the identification of political and economic contingencies, evidence-based policy research, policy thought-leadership, and

future trends in public health care. Prior to his time with AmeriHealth Caritas, he worked with the First Judicial District of Philadelphia, serving at-risk youth.

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About MHPA

Founded in 1995, the Medicaid Health Plans of America (MHPA) is the only national association that solely represents the interests of the Medicaid managed care industry. Through its advocacy and research work, MHPA supports 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 49 million Medicaid enrollees in 40 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. MHPA's members include for-profit and non-profit national, regional, and single-state health plans that compete in the Medicaid market. Visit [medicaidplans.org](https://www.medicaidplans.org) for more information.