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**MHPA Welcomes New Staff in Regulatory Affairs, State Affairs, Research, and Communications Capacities**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Medicaid Health Plans of America (MHPA) recently expanded its staff capacity with the addition of Michelle Proser, PhD, MPP, Stephanie Myers, Jill Talley, and Nicolas Wilhelm, JD.

“Between the end of the public health emergency, federal spending concerns, and highly anticipated forthcoming regulations, it’s a dynamic and challenging time for Medicaid managed care,” said MHPA President and CEO Craig Kennedy, MPH. “Engaging state policymakers; advocating to federal regulators; strategically communicating the value of Medicaid managed care; and instituting a data-driven research strategy are crucial to successfully navigating the ever-evolving world of health care policy. The portfolio of skills, knowledge, and experience that Stephanie, Michelle, Jill, and Nicolas possess will position MHPA as an unparalleled authority on Medicaid managed care; equip MCOs with more meaningful insight; and elevate the needs of millions of vulnerable Americans.”

**Michelle Proser, PhD, MPP**

**Vice President of Research, Quality, and Performance**

Proser is responsible for developing, overseeing, and implementing MHPA’s research and analytics strategy to inform policy, deepen understanding of performance, and drive quality. In her more than 20 years of experience in healthcare research, policy, and practice, she previously was Senior Director of Healthcare at the Financial Health Network, Director of Research at the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), and National Project Director for the Protocol for Responding to and Assessing Patients’ Assets, Risks, and Experiences (PRAPARE) social risk screening protocol. A Board Member of the Centering Healthcare Institute and an advisory group member for the Social Interventions Research and Evaluation Network (SIREN) and the Society of Health Policy Young Professionals, Proser earned

both a Doctorate and a Master of Public Policy degree in health policy from The George Washington University. She lives in Arlington, Va. with her husband and their two daughters.

**Stephanie Myers**

**Director, State Affairs**

Myers is responsible for the identification, development, and management of strategic relationships at the state level with the goal of advancing the priorities of MHPA and its member plans. Her career spans more than a decade in Medicaid Managed Care and over 18 years of experience in state and federal government programs. Prior to MHPA, Myers served as Director, Public Policy at AmeriHealth Caritas as where she led a team of state public policy professionals focused on the identification of political and economic contingencies, thought leadership, and industry trends in state health policy. While Manager of Waiver Operations for the State of New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, she focused on the implementation and ongoing operation of the state's Comprehensive Section 1115 Waiver Demonstration. Myers earned a master's degree in administrative science from Fairleigh Dickinson University and a bachelor's degree in political science from York College of Pennsylvania. She currently resides in Cinnaminson, New Jersey with her husband, son, cat, and dog.

**Jill Talley**

**Director, Communications**

Talley is responsible for leading external communications activities for MHPA's policy positions and programs to the media, members, and other audiences. She brings to MHPA more than 15 years of communications, public relations, and advocacy management experience within the association/non-profit sector. Most recently, she developed and implemented communication strategies to amplify policy positions and staff expertise as Director, Advocacy Communications for the National Restaurant Association. Her career includes numerous public awareness and advocacy campaigns in the areas of health care, data science, agriculture, nutrition, environment, and retirement benefits. She earned both a master's degree in law and a bachelor's degree in public communication from American University and lives in Vienna, Va., with her son and dog.

**Nicolas Wilhelm, JD**

**Director, Regulatory Affairs**

Wilhelm is responsible for advancing the Medicaid priorities of MHPA and its member plans at the federal level, leading regulatory advocacy with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. With more than a decade of health policy experience, his career includes work developing Medicaid policy positions at AmeriHealth Caritas and Centene Corporation. As an adjunct professor at Temple University's Beasley School of Law, Drexel University's Thomas R. Kline School of Law, and Penn State Abington, Wilhelm developed and taught drug policy coursework. He received his Juris Doctor from Temple University's Beasley School of Law and bachelor's degree in philosophy and political science from Rutgers University.

**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 50 million Medicaid enrollees in 41 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. MHPA's members include both 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.