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Health Care Service Corporation Joins Medicaid Health Plans of America

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Health Care Service Corporation (HCSC), headquartered in Chicago, has officially joined Medicaid Health Plans of America (MHPA) – the nation’s leading trade association focused exclusively on Medicaid health plans – as a full organizational member.

“From redetermination challenges to budget cuts in Congress to impending regulations altering how MCOs operate, Medicaid managed care is at a pivotal crossroads. More than ever, it’s critical that federal and state policymakers appreciate the value of Medicaid managed care for patients, providers, and the public,” said MHPA President and CEO Craig A. Kennedy, MPH.

“HCSC’s membership will further strengthen our ability to enact policy solutions that enhance delivery of care, advance equitable access to critical services, and support states during this unprecedented time. Its commitment to driving accountable care, addressing affordability, and closing gaps in preventive care redoubles our members’ focus on the Medicaid beneficiary. We are thrilled to welcome and excited to work alongside HCSC to address the health care needs of millions of vulnerable Americans.”

Providing health coverage to more than 1 million Medicaid members, HCSC is the largest customer-owned health insurer in the United States. Recognized for excellence in deploying innovative processes, developing high-quality products, and fostering an overall culture built around improving the nation’s health care system, HCSC was named one of America’s Most Innovative Companies in 2023 by Fortune magazine.

“Strategic partnerships like this one with MHPA allow us to continue to strengthen capabilities to best serve the diverse and complex needs of our members and providers,” said HCSC Medicaid President, Anne Rote. “We look forward to working with MHPA to expand awareness of the value of Medicaid managed care, its positive impact on daily life for millions of people, and the need for continued access to quality, affordable health care.”

Rote, along with HCSC's Steven Johnson, Executive Director of Government Programs, will both serve on the MHPA Board of Directors. They will help establish a strategic framework for the organization's public policy and government relations activities with Congress, state legislatures and regulatory agencies, the Administration, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

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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 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 for more information.

About Health Care Service Corporation

HCSC is the country's largest customer-owned health insurer, with more than 17.5 million members in its health plans in Illinois, Montana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. A Mutual Legal Reserve Company, HCSC is an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. Visit hcsc.com.