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Kaiser Permanente Joins Medicaid Health Plans of America

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Kaiser Permanente, one of America's leading health care providers and not-for-profit health plans, has joined Medicaid Health Plans of America (MHPA), the nation's leading trade association focused exclusively on Medicaid health plans, as a new health plan organization member.

Kaiser Permanente delivers health care to 12.6 million members in eight states and Washington, D.C. It serves more than 1 million people in Medicaid and supports programs that encourage equitable access to high-quality care.

"Kaiser Permanente's membership bolsters our ability to develop policy solutions that enhance and advance health care delivery and equity. Its commitment to providing high quality, integrated health care by addressing social determinants of health, removing barriers to care, and supporting the wellbeing of local communities embodies our members' focus and passion for improving the quality of life of Medicaid beneficiaries. We are excited to welcome and work alongside Kaiser Permanente to address the unique, diverse health care needs of millions of vulnerable, underserved Americans," said MHPA President and CEO Craig A. Kennedy, MPH.

"As champions of health care transformation, Kaiser Permanente is committed to providing high-quality, affordable health care services and to improving the health of our members and the communities we serve. We are thrilled to join MHPA to showcase the value of Medicaid managed care and integrated care models. We look forward to working with others to promote and expand Medicaid eligibility, access to telehealth services, quality measurement processes and quality performance incentives, among others," said Shannon McMahon, Executive Director, Medicaid Policy, Kaiser Permanente.

Consistently rated among the nation's best for overall treatment, prevention, and patient experience, Kaiser Permanente ensures that vulnerable populations have access to high-quality, affordable health care through a comprehensive social health needs approach. Recently, Kaiser Permanente established the [Community Support Hub](#) consisting of a free, self-service, online directory of community resources, enabling more touch points with patients and supporting the overall health of its communities. Additionally, the organization expanded its Health, Housing, and Justice Medical-Legal Partnership Initiative to help thousands of enrollees access legal services to maintain housing stability. And through its collaboration with online grocery technology giant Instacart, Kaiser Permanente is providing

innovative solutions to food and nutrition insecurity among Medicaid members with diet-related diseases.

McMahon and Toby Douglas, Kaiser Permanente's Senior Vice President of Medicaid, will serve on the MHPA Board of Directors where they will help to oversee MHPA's strategy and operations, including 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 nearly 52 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.

About Kaiser Permanente

Kaiser Permanente is committed to helping shape the future of health care. We are recognized as one of America's leading health care providers and not-for-profit health plans. Founded in 1945, Kaiser Permanente has a mission to provide high-quality, affordable health care services and to improve the health of our members and the communities we serve. We currently serve 12.6 million members in 8 states and the District of Columbia. Care for members and patients is focused on their total health and guided by their personal Permanente Medical Group physicians, specialists, and team of caregivers. Our expert and caring medical teams are empowered and supported by industry-leading technology advances and tools for health promotion, disease prevention, state-of-the-art care delivery, and world-class chronic disease management. Kaiser Permanente is dedicated to care innovations, clinical research, health education, and the support of community health. For more information, go to [about.kp.org](https://www.kaiserpermanente.org/about).