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L.A. Care Health Plan Joins MHPA as a Health Plan Organization Member

(WASHINGTON, DC) – L.A. Care Health Plan, the largest publicly operated health plan in the country, has joined Medicaid Health Plans of America – the nation’s leading trade association focused exclusively on Medicaid health plans – as a new health plan organization member.

Headquartered in Los Angeles, L.A. Care covers more than 2,352,000 Medicaid enrollees. In L.A. County alone, 41% of residents rely on Medi-Cal.

“As a someone who was born in LA County, I am thrilled to have L.A. Care join MHPA! Its impact and continuously innovating approach to care is critical to more than 2 million people and really the entire health care infrastructure of the region,” said MHPA President and CEO Craig A. Kennedy, MPH. “And its emphasis on high quality whole-person care and social determinants of health reflects our members’ commitment to improving the quality of life of Medicaid beneficiaries and addressing their unique, diverse health care needs.”

“L.A. Care is committed to advocating for federal and state funding for Medicaid to maintain essential health services for children, working families, seniors, and vulnerable populations. From investing in workforce development to addressing members’ social needs and supporting members affected by tragic wildfires, L.A. Care understands the impact of health care on the economy and recognizes that to ensure healthy, thriving communities, it’s critical that managed care organizations address basic needs like food, housing, education, transportation and employment. We look forward to working with MHPA and its members to showcase the value of Medicaid managed care in California to our members, state partners, and communities,” said L.A. Care Chief Executive Officer Martha Santana-Chin.

Santana-Chin and Cherie Compartore, L.A. Care’s Senior Director of Government Affairs, 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, 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 more than 160-member health plans which serve nearly 52 million Medicaid enrollees in 40 states, Washington, D.C., 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 mhpa.org for more information.