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**All Access with Andy Garcia to Feature MHPA in National Segment on the
Benefits of Medicaid Managed Care**

75% of Medicaid Enrollees are Covered by Managed Care Plans

(WASHINGTON, DC) – All Access with Andy Garcia will feature MHPA in a national segment airing on public television stations across the country beginning this week that will run over the next year.

“Significant changes are coming to the Medicaid program, and it’s especially timely for people to understand why Medicaid is a vital resource to millions of Americans and how managed care organizations (MCOs) are working to ensure that Medicaid beneficiaries have access to quality, affordable, and effective health care,” said MHPA President and CEO Craig A. Kennedy, MPH. “We are delighted to be selected as a featured guest on All Access with Andy Garcia and are excited for the opportunity to demonstrate to millions of viewers the importance of Medicaid, managed care, and the invaluable role both play in the lives of enrollees and the broader health care delivery system.”

The five-minute segment features patient advocate Jennifer Kucera who chronicles her experience living with Spinal Muscular Atrophy and the services she receives through her Medicaid managed care plan, including direct care providers that come to her home and specialized medical equipment.

From children, pregnant women, parents, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and low-wage earners, Medicaid covers more people today than Medicare. The joint federal-state public health program provides health care to nearly 1 in 4 Americans.

States partner with Medicaid managed care in the administration of Medicaid benefits due to increased budget predictability and expertise afforded by MCOs.

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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.