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California Association of Health Plans Joins MHPA’s State Affiliate Program

(WASHINGTON, DC) – The California Association of Health Plans (CAHP) has joined MHPA’s State Affiliate Program, a platform for state health plan associations to engage with Medicaid managed care plans across the country, enhancing their ability to identify and promote best practices, influence federal and state-level policy, and ensure that Medicaid beneficiaries receive high-quality, coordinated care.

“In today’s rapidly changing health care environment, CAHP plays an important role in developing the collective voice of the Medicaid managed care industry. Representing public and private health care plans that provide coverage to more than 14 million Medicaid enrollees, CAHP’s expertise of state-level issues combined with MHPA’s national advocacy and policy resources, creates a powerful synergy that benefits both state and federal policymakers and the populations we serve,” said MHPA President and CEO Craig A. Kennedy, MPH.

“Federal health care policies and regulations are quickly evolving and continue to affect how California health plans connect enrollees with access to quality, affordable, and effective care. Aligning our advocacy and education efforts with MHPA and other health plans across the country will help CAHP successfully navigate a complex political landscape to sustain a strong environment in which our member plans can offer high quality coverage to millions of Medi-Cal beneficiaries,” said CAHP President and CEO Charles Bacchi.

As a member of MHPA’s State Affiliate Program, CAHP will serve on MHPA’s State Affiliate Advisory Committee with the opportunity to contribute to and participate in educational programming at MHPA’s Annual Conference each Fall and the Policy & Advocacy Leadership Forum which takes place March 17-19, 2026, in Washington, D.C.

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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 more than 49 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 mhp.org for more information.