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North Carolina Association of Health Plans Joins MHPA’s State Affiliate Program

(WASHINGTON, DC) – The North Carolina Association of Health Plans (NCAHP) 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.

“Advocacy for the Medicaid program is driven by policies enacted at both the federal and state level. As the leading voice for innovative, market-oriented health care solutions benefitting more than 2 million North Carolinians, NCAHP’s expertise of state-level issues combined with MHPA’s national policy resources and federal advocacy, creates a powerful synergy. We are excited to have them join the MHPA State Affiliate program,” said MHPA President and CEO Craig A. Kennedy, MPH.

“NCAHP has been instrumental in working with state policymakers to pass Medicaid reform legislation. While we continue to engage state leaders to ensure the successful implementation of this legislation, which accomplishes budget predictability for taxpayers and choice for Medicaid beneficiaries, we realize that policies at the federal level play an equally important role,” said NCAHP Executive Director Peter T. Daniel. “We look forward to joining forces with MHPA and its member health plans to successfully navigate a complex political landscape that ensures a level playing field for health plans and provides North Carolinians with access to quality, affordable, and effective health care.”

As a member of MHPA’s State Affiliate program, NCAHP 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 in the Spring.

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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 48 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.