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MHPA & the National MLTSS Health Plan Association Highlight Critical Role of Medicaid Managed Care in Safeguarding Home & Community-Based Services

(Washington, D.C) - Medicaid Health Plans of America (MHPA) and the National MLTSS Health Plan Association (MLTSS Association) today released a new issue brief, “From Policy to Practice: Medicaid MCOs are Taking Action to Safeguard Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS),” underscoring the essential role Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) play in combatting fraud, waste, and abuse (FWA) and preserving access to high-quality, person-centered care in HCBS delivery.

“As Medicaid’s predominant delivery model, Medicaid MCOs are at the forefront of efforts to address FWA in HCBS, and their focus on program integrity goes beyond what is required by law. Bringing private sector innovation and accountability to the care and support of Medicaid beneficiaries receiving HCBS, Medicaid MCOs take a comprehensive approach to ensuring these services are delivered appropriately, to the right people, in the right settings, and at the right time,” said MHPA President & CEO Craig A. Kennedy, MPH.

Medicaid MCOs engage in a variety of FWA prevention activities, ensuring Medicaid resources are preserved for individuals who truly need care. Examples of preventive measures that are especially relevant to HCBS include:

- Care Management and Service Plan Oversight
- Provider Screening, Enrollment, and Credentialing
- Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Monitoring
- Advanced Data Analytics and Investigations
- Overpayment Identification, Payment Integrity, and Referrals

“HCBS enable millions of Americans—including older adults, individuals with disabilities, and those with chronic conditions—to live independently in their homes and communities.

Medicaid currently supports approximately 8.4 million individuals through HCBS, making it the cornerstone of the nation's long-term services and supports (LTSS) system. With the population of older adults with significant disabilities projected to double in the coming decades, the demand for HCBS, and the need to protect these services, has never been greater," said Mary Kaschak, CEO, the National MLTSS Health Plan Association.

Access the issue brief [here](#).

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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.

About the National MLTSS Health Plan Association

Since its founding in 2016, the National MLTSS Health Plan Association ("MLTSS Association") has been the leading organization in Washington, DC representing health plans that contract with states to provide LTSS to individuals through the Medicaid program. MLTSS Association members serve the majority of individuals who receive Medicaid-funded LTSS nationwide, operating in every state with an MLTSS program. MLTSS Association [members](#) assist states in delivering high quality LTSS with a focus on ensuring individuals' quality of life and ability to live as independently as possible. For more on our issues and priorities, visit mltss.org.