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Statewide Health Plan Trade Association Names Industry Veteran as new President/CEO

Sacramento, CA –The Board of Directors of the California Association of Health Plans (CAHP) has announced the selection of Christopher C. Ohman, as the new President and Chief Executive Officer for the statewide trade association. In this new role, Mr. Ohman will manage the day-to-day operations of the association, develop the strategic direction for the organization and serve as the top voice for the health plan industry in California. The association represents 35 health plans operating in California.

“Chris brings a wealth of health care knowledge and expertise to this position. With his working knowledge of the issues facing California’s health care environment Chris is well-suited to lead our industry as we work together to improve access and quality health care for all Californians,” said David S. Helwig, CAHP Board Chair.

Mr. Ohman comes to CAHP as a veteran of the California health care system. Most recently, Mr. Ohman served as Senior Vice President and Chief Executive of the Commercial Business Unit for Blue Shield of California, a unit representing 1.8 million members. Prior to Blue Shield, Mr. Ohman served as CEO and Founder of CapMetrics, LLC, a company that developed solvency ratings for medical groups. Mr. Ohman’s vast array of health care experience also includes the role of Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer for Orange Coast Managed Care Services and Vice President of Operations for Take Care Health Plan.

Mr. Ohman graduated from Lewis and Clark College, with a Bachelors degree in Economics and Business Administration. He later received a Masters in Public Administration from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs at Princeton University. During his career, Mr. Ohman has also served as a Visiting Faculty member for the Haas Business School at the University of California, Berkeley.

“I believe that my health plan and provider experience, combined with my policy background, will serve me well in leading CAHP,” said Mr. Ohman. “I am a strong believer in the benefits that managed care has brought to the health care arena and I look forward to partnering with other key health system participants as we work to find effective solutions to the health care challenges California faces now and in the future.”

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The California Association of Health Plans is a statewide trade association representing 35 Knox-Keene licensed health plans that provide health coverage to more than 21 million Californians. The Association’s mission is to improve the health of California’s communities by promoting the growth of health plans dedicated to providing high quality, affordable, accessibly health care to their members.