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CAHP Names New Vice President of State Programs

SACRAMENTO – The California Association of Health Plans (CAHP) today announced Wendy Soe's promotion to Vice President of State Programs. Ms. Soe will lead CAHP's advocacy efforts related to government health coverage programs.

Representing all of California's licensed health plans, Ms. Soe will direct CAHP's engagement on regulations, state and federal proposals, and policies that impact public programs and health plan operations. She will work with the Department of Health Care Services, Covered California, and key stakeholders to advocate for policies and regulations that help to build and sustain California's extensive managed care network

"I am pleased to announce that CAHP has promoted Wendy Soe to serve as CAHP's new Vice President of State Programs," said Charles Bacchi, President and CEO of the California Association of Health Plans. "Wendy's background working with CAHP's member plans and with public health programs will allow her to continue to ensure the strong partnership between the health plans that provide access to care and the government agencies running these health programs."

Wendy joined the California Association of Health Plans in April 2015 as the Director of Regulatory Affairs. In this role, she worked closely with the California Department of Managed Health Care and other stakeholders, representing CAHP's member plans on issues pertaining to regulatory oversight of California's managed care plans. Prior to this position, Ms. Soe served as the Senior Advisor for Policy Development at the California Department of Health Care Services, which administers the state's Medicaid program.

Ms. Soe holds dual Bachelor of Arts degrees in Global Studies and History from UCLA and a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Southern California. She is currently working towards a Juris Doctorate through the University of the Pacific, McGeorge.

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