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## **CAHP Issues Statement on State Assembly's Universal Health Care Hearings**

**Sacramento, CA** – Today, California Association of Health Plans President and CEO Charles Bacchi released the following statement regarding the State Assembly Select Committee on Health Care Delivery Systems and Universal Coverage Hearings that took place on October 23 and 24:

“We commend Speaker Rendon for his leadership in making the important conversation about how to achieve universal health care in California a top priority. With 92% of Californians currently covered by health insurance, we are now closer than ever to achieving universal health care coverage in California. This is largely due to the great progress California has made through Covered California and the Medi-Cal expansion.

“We look forward to working with the Speaker and Committee leaders to find solutions that can make quality health care accessible and affordable for the remaining 8 percent of uninsured Californians.

“Every Californian deserves affordable coverage and access to good care. That’s why we should avoid considering [risky proposals](#) that would disrupt care for millions of Californians who currently receive health coverage through their employers, the individual market, Medi-Cal, and Medicare. Instead, we should continue to focus our collective efforts toward building upon the success of California’s current health care system.”

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