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## **CAHP Hires New Director of Regulatory Affairs and State Programs Analyst**

**Sacramento, CA**— The California Association of Health Plans (CAHP) today announced that Christina Wu is the association’s new Director of Regulatory Affairs and Ellesse Flores has joined the staff as State Programs Analyst.

“Christina’s considerable experience working with health plans and on state and federal health care issues will help to strengthen our efforts to improve the value and affordability of health care in California on behalf of our 45 member health plans. I am pleased to welcome her to the CAHP team,” said Charles Bacchi, CAHP President & CEO.

“Ellesse’s background in legislative affairs, communications, and state government will add value to CAHP’s engagement on key issues in state programs,” Bacchi said.

As Director of Regulatory Affairs, Christina Wu will work closely on regulatory issues associated with the Department of Managed Health Care and their oversight of California’s managed care plans. Christina brings managed care experience from both the state and federal levels. Most recently, Christina was a Regulatory Analyst at Scripps Health, where her portfolio included internal audits and regulatory filings. Prior to her tenure at Scripps Health, Christina served as a Project Coordinator for Compliance at Sharp Health Plan, where her areas of focus were Medicare compliance and Timely Access and Network Adequacy. Previously, Christina served in the Office of Governor Deval Patrick (D-MA) and was part of the team that implemented the first-in-the nation health exchange. Christina began her career in the Office of Senator Kennedy (D-MA) doing constituent casework. Christina holds a B.S. in Communications from Boston University and a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt certification from UC San Diego.

Ellesse Flores fills the role of State Programs Analyst offering policy analysis and engagement on issues related to Medi-Cal and other government-supported health care programs. She brings a diverse background in communications and social media, client relations, legislative affairs, and event coordination. She most recently worked at ALZA Strategies, a Sacramento- based public relations firm as

an Account Manager. She also worked for Advancement Project California as a Legislative Assistant. While in school, she was a Student Intern for the Speaker's Office of Member Services under Assembly Speakers Tony G. Atkins and Anthony Rendon. Ellesse earned a B.A. in Government from California State University, Sacramento.

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