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CAHP Issues Statement In Response To Governor's May Budget Revise Release

Sacramento, CA— California Association of Health Plans (CAHP) President & CEO Charles Bacchi today issued the following statement in response to Gov. Gavin Newsom's release of the May budget revise:

"California's health plans share the Governor's goal of improving affordability and access to health care. We are pleased the Governor has included expanded subsidies in his May budget revision to make coverage more affordable for more low-income and working families. We agree that the first step toward improving affordability and stabilizing the health care marketplace is to protect the gains we've made under the Affordable Care Act by enacting a state-based Individual mandate to have health coverage. This along with expanding coverage to undocumented young adults will help us achieve universal coverage and ultimately reduce the overall cost of care by reducing costly visits to the emergency room and promoting healthier communities with preventive care. We look forward to working in partnership with the administration on implementing these and many other crucial health care priorities."

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