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CAHP Issues Statement Applauding Governor's Bold New Health Care Agenda

Sacramento, CA— California Association of Health Plans (CAHP) President and CEO Charles Bacchi made the following statement regarding Governor Gavin Newsom's new health care agenda:

"The California Association of Health Plans applauds the Governor's bold new agenda to make health care more affordable and accessible for all Californians. We stand ready to work with the Governor to protect the significant gains California has made under the Affordable Care Act and to stabilize the marketplace.

"We strongly support his push to enact a state based individual mandate, provide assistance to individuals purchasing coverage, and make health care accessible to more Californians by extending Medi-Cal coverage to undocumented young adults.

"And we share his concern about tackling the high cost of prescription drugs – which has long been a top priority for health plans as demonstrated by our strong support for SB 17 which shines a light on the pricing tactics of Pharma.

"We look forward to working together with the administration to find the best solution for making prescription drugs affordable for all Californians."

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