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CAHP Names New Vice President of State Medicaid Policy and Legislative Advocate

Sacramento, CA— The California Association of Health Plans (CAHP) today announced that two new staff members have joined their team. Amber Kemp will serve as Vice President of State Medicaid Policy and Jedd Hampton as Legislative Advocate. Kemp will lead CAHP’s engagement on regulations, state and federal proposals, and policies that impact public programs and health plan operations, while Hampton will help to guide CAHP’s legislative advocacy efforts at the State Capitol.

“I am very pleased to announce that Amber Kemp and Jedd Hampton have joined the team here at CAHP,” said Charles Bacchi, President and CEO of CAHP. “Both bring impressive experience in health care policy and will help to enhance our advocacy efforts on behalf of CAHP’s member health plans.”

Before joining CAHP, Kemp served as Vice President, Health Care Coverage for the California Hospital Association where she led policy development and advocacy related to the Medi-Cal program, Covered California, implementation of the Affordable Care Act, managed care and payer relations. She also represented hospitals and health systems on various state-level advisory groups and committees. Kemp has an extensive background in the Medi-Cal program and previously worked in the director’s office at the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) where she worked on projects directed towards quality improvement in publicly financed health care programs and managed implementation of a \$3.3 billion Medi-Cal program waiver designed to reform California’s public health care delivery systems. Prior to joining DHCS, she served as a special assistant to state Board of Equalization member Betty T. Yee. Kemp has a master’s degree in business administration from Mills College in Oakland.

Hampton previously served as the Director of Public Policy for LeadingAge California where he was responsible for the planning, development and implementation of its public policy activities in the healthcare arena, including: assisted living, skilled nursing, Medi-Cal, Medicare and other long-term care issues. Hampton also previously served as an independent consultant to the California Association of Rural Health Clinics, where he directed the advocacy and

communications efforts for the association. Prior to consulting, he served in the Sacramento County Executive's office as a budget and policy analyst, as well as interim Legislative Officer for the county. He began his career serving as a Legislative Assistant for the California Chamber of Commerce, where he focused on healthcare and environmental issues. Hampton received his Master's degree in Public Administration from University of San Francisco and received his Bachelor's degree in Government from California State University, Sacramento.

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