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CAHP Issues Statement on New DMHC, OSHPD Appointments

Sacramento, CA — The California Association of Health Plans (CAHP) today applauded Governor Newsom’s selections of Mary Watanabe as Director of the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) and Elizabeth Landsberg as Director of the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD). CAHP President and CEO Charles Bacchi made the following statement about the Governor’s new appointees:

“The California Association of Health Plans looks forward to continuing our work with Mary Watanabe in her role as DMHC Director. We have appreciated her willingness to talk about tough issues facing our health care system and her leadership at the DMHC for the past several years. With so many challenges facing our health care system, and the importance of the Department of Managed Health Care, Mary’s appointment will provide much needed stability, especially during these challenging times.

“CAHP also congratulates Elizabeth Landsberg as she takes the helm as director of OSHPD. We look forward to working with Elizabeth on the important work that OSHPD is doing regarding a health care payment system. There are many important decisions to be made around increasing transparency in health care costs to help policymakers and the public better understand cost drivers. Elizabeth's experience and perspective on health care costs and quality is welcomed.”

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