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The California Association of Health Plans Respond to Governor's May Budget Revise

Sacramento, CA— Today, the California Association of Health Plans released the following statement in response to the Governor's May revision of the 2021-2022 budget proposal:

"California's health plans are ready to roll up our sleeves and work with Governor Newsom in transforming California's health care system," said Charles Bacchi, President and CEO of the California Association of Health Plans. "We look forward to playing an integral role in helping to implement the innovative programs and initiatives he has proposed to improve health outcomes for all Californians regardless of income or immigration status.

"The Governor's strong emphasis on transforming California's behavioral health system for children and youth is more important than ever. And California's health plans are dedicated to working with the administration to ensure that our members receive the behavioral health care services they need and deserve.

"The Governor's commitment to further improving the "California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal" (CalAIM) initiative is welcome news and will complement our Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans' continued efforts to build upon the successful person-centered Medi-Cal Managed Care programs that are designed to address complex health needs, increase health equity, and improve health outcomes for our state's most vulnerable.

"California's health plans have also long supported expanding Medi-Cal benefits to all low-income adults regardless of immigration status. We are pleased to see the Governor's proposal extends this benefit to all seniors 60+.

"We look forward to working in partnership with the Administration to build upon the progress we have made as we continue to promote improved health outcomes and equitable, affordable, quality care for all Californians."

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