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CAHP Announces Two New Hires New Director of Regulatory Affairs and Director of State Medicaid Policy Join the CAHP Team

Sacramento, CA— The California Association of Health Plans (CAHP) today announced that two new staff members have joined their team. **Anete Millers** will serve as Director of Regulatory Affairs and **Ashley Kirk** as Director of State Medicaid Policy.

"I am very pleased to announce that Anete Millers and Ashley Kirk have joined the team here at CAHP," said Charles Bacchi, President and CEO of CAHP. "Both bring a tremendous amount of experience in health care, law, and policy, which will help to enhance our advocacy efforts on behalf of CAHP's member health plans."

Anete Millers brings four years of managed care experience from the state level, along with several years of legal education. Most recently, Anete was a Legal Analyst in the Division of Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse at the California Office of the Attorney General, where she analyzed complex legal issues in health care fraud litigation. Prior to her tenure at the Attorney General's Office, Anete worked as a law clerk at a prominent personal injury law firm in Sacramento. Anete holds a Juris Doctor from McGeorge School of Law, where her concentration was Trial and Appellate Advocacy. In 2019 she graduated as a member of the nationally renowned Order of Barristers.

Before joining CAHP, Ashley Kirk served as a Senior Consultant at a national consulting firm focused primarily on Medicaid financing, program administration and quality improvement strategies for county health agencies and mental health plans, safety net hospitals, health systems, and state departments. Ashley has also served as a Program Associate with the Integrated Healthcare Association where she served as a team member for a variety of grant funded initiatives. Prior to joining IHA, Ashley was the Government Affairs Coordinator for the California Association of Public Hospitals. Ashley holds a master's degree in Health Care Administration from Cal State, East Bay, and a bachelor's degree in Molecular Environmental Biology from the University of California, Berkeley. In her spare time, she is the Co-Founder of *Empower Us Agency*, an organization that connects Black founders and startups to venture capital funding opportunities.

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