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CAHP Issues Statement on Governor's 2022-2023 State Budget Proposal

Sacramento, CA— California Association of Health Plans President and CEO Charles Bacchi today issued the following statement in response to Gov. Gavin Newsom's release of the 2022-23 state budget proposal:

"The California Association of Health Plans shares many of the healthcare priorities outlined in the Governor's 2022-23 budget proposal. CAHP supports expanding health care coverage to all Californians, regardless of immigration status. The Governor's commitment to extend Medi-Cal to the remaining uninsured undocumented Californians of all ages is a historic move toward achieving universal coverage in California. With 94 percent of Californians currently covered, this will bring us closer than ever to finally closing the uninsured gap.

"As part of our ongoing effort to improve healthcare affordability, we look forward to working with the Administration to address the underlying cost drivers of health care premiums, including tackling the ever increasing costs of prescription drugs.

"The additional \$2.7 billion in funding for COVID-19 mitigation efforts is crucial to ensuring those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic have access to the testing, vaccinations and care they need.

"We are also pleased the budget includes important funding for the "California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiative. Our Medi-Cal Managed Care plans look forward to working with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) on implementing this innovative program designed to address complex health needs, reduce health disparities, and improve health outcomes for our state's most vulnerable.

"We look forward to working in partnership with the Administration as we continue to promote improved health outcomes and affordable, accessible, quality health care choices for all Californians."

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