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CAHP Welcomes New Covered California Executive Director, Thanks Outgoing Leader Peter Lee

Sacramento, CA— California Association of Health Plans President and CEO Charles Bacchi today issued the following statement congratulating outgoing Executive Director Peter Lee on his decade of service at Covered California and welcoming new Covered California Executive Director Jessica Altman:

"California's health plans are grateful for Peter Lee's exceptional leadership at the helm of Covered California," Bacchi said. "His dedicated efforts have resulted in remarkable progress toward improving health care affordability, access, innovation, and stability even during turbulent times. Under his leadership California has led the nation in providing access to affordable health coverage and our member health plans are proud to have been partners in that success. We wish him much happiness in his future endeavors.

"We would like to welcome and congratulate Ms. Altman on her new role as Executive Director. We are confident that her experience and knowledge of state-based health care exchanges will lead to new opportunities for California's leadership to shine. We look forward to our ongoing collaboration with Covered California as we continue to build upon our efforts to make health care even more affordable and accessible for all Californians."

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