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**Health Plans**

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## **CAHP Names New Director of State Programs**

**Sacramento, CA** – The California Association of Health Plans (CAHP) today announced that Kate Ross has joined the CAHP team as the association’s new Director of State Programs. Ross will lead CAHP’s engagement on Medi-Cal, state and federal proposals, and policies that impact public programs and health plan operations. She will work with the Department of Health Care Services and other key stakeholders and agencies to advocate for policies and regulations that help to build and sustain California’s Medi-Cal program.

“I am very pleased to announce that Kate Ross has joined the CAHP team,” said Charles Bacchi, President and CEO of CAHP. “She brings impressive experience in the health care and dental policy world, including experience at Covered California that will help enhance our advocacy efforts on behalf of our member health plans.”

Prior to joining CAHP, Ross led a variety of initiatives over the last eight years at Delta Dental of California, most recently serving as Manager of Employee Experience. Ross also served as Delta Dental’s Foundation and Corporate Social Responsibility Manager, Manager of the Legal Affairs division and a Legislative Analyst in the government affairs department.

Prior to Delta Dental, Ross served as a Governmental Program Analyst at Covered California where she developed innovative health care policies for dental and health plan partners and analyzed the impact of federal and state legislation on the Covered California exchange.

Ross holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from California State University, Chico. She has also recently earned a Certificate in Corporate Citizenship Practice and a Legal Lean Sigma White Belt.

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