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CAHP Statement on California State Budget Agreement

Healthcare Provisions will Improve Access and Affordability for Millions of Californians

Sacramento, CA – The California Association of Health Plans released the following statement after the California State Legislature approved the final State budget agreement:

“The final budget agreement passed by the California State Legislature today will deliver effective and tangible improvements to our state’s health care system by making health care more accessible and affordable for millions of Californians.

“The significant investments associated with this year’s MCO tax will dedicate much needed financial support to health care programs that will directly benefit Medi-Cal beneficiaries, including primary care, specialty care and graduate medical education.

“In addition to our strong support for the MCO tax agreement, CAHP is also pleased to see that the individual mandate penalty funds will finally be used for their intended purpose, which is to make healthcare more affordable for low-to-middle income Californians who participate in the Covered California exchange.

“We look forward to working with Covered California to provide health care that is more effective, efficient, and affordable for those who need it most. “

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