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CAHP Issues Statement on Governor's January 2024-2025 State Budget

Sacramento, CA – California Association of Health Plans President and CEO Charles Bacchi today issued the following statement in response to California Governor Gavin Newsom's release of the 2024-25 state budget proposal:

"The California Association of Health Plans (CAHP) recognizes the difficult state budget situation, with an expected budget deficit of \$38 billion this year. With tough decisions that must be made, we appreciate the Administration's steadfast commitment to strengthening and expanding Medi-Cal in partnership with our member health plans.

"California's health plans agreed to support an MCO Tax in last year's budget that is now serving to protect Medi-Cal during this challenging budget year. We are pleased that the Administration is honoring its commitment to increase funding for Medi-Cal providers, which will significantly improve access to quality health care coverage for Medi-Cal enrollees. We strongly believe that the MCO tax revenues should be used to fund improvements to the Medi-Cal program and not just backfill existing spending. We look forward to seeing a more detailed accounting of this proposal.

"We are also pleased the Governor is holding firm on expanded Medi-Cal coverage for Californians regardless of immigration status, which will move us closer than ever to universal health care in California and promote healthier communities."

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