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CAHP Promotes Nicholas Louizos to Senior Vice President

Sacramento, CA – The California Association of Health Plans (CAHP) today announced that long time staff member Nicholas Louizos has been promoted to serve as the association’s first Senior Vice President.

In his new role, Louizos will be responsible for leading the organization’s strategic advocacy efforts and representing CAHP member health plans before state policymakers. Working in conjunction with CAHP’s CEO, Louizos will directly engage in high-level advocacy work and representation before the Legislature, Governor’s Office, agencies/departments, external committees, boards, and workgroups as well as managing CAHP’s legislative team.

Louizos joined CAHP as a legislative advocate in May 2006 representing the association and its member health plans in the California Legislature. He was later promoted to Vice President of Legislative Affairs in 2014. In his role leading Legislative Affairs, his primary responsibility was to advocate for the value of managed care in providing affordable health care to as many Californians as possible.

Throughout the past 18 years, Louizos has played an instrumental role in CAHP’s efforts to expand health care coverage to more Californians and protect access to care. Among Nick’s many accomplishments while working at CAHP, highlights include his work with the Administration, the Legislature, and stakeholders to successfully implement the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in California while more recently shielding the ACA from attacks by external forces. He also worked to secure bipartisan support for funding to safeguard important public

programs like Medi-Cal and Healthy Families that provide critical coverage to children and families.

“I am proud to announce Nicholas Louizos’s promotion as CAHP’s first Senior Vice President,” said Charles Bacchi, CAHP’s president and CEO. “This is a well-deserved advancement for someone who has worked very hard over the past 18 years fighting to keep health care more affordable for Californians and defending consumers from policies that drive up premium costs. Nick has established himself as a respected leader in his field and I am honored to recognize his exceptional efforts with a newly created position here at CAHP.”

Before joining CAHP, Louizos worked in the State Legislature for 10 years, most recently serving as Senior Consultant for the Chair of the Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, where he worked on health and labor issues. Prior to that role, he served as consultant to the Assembly Labor Committee.

Louizos graduated from California State University, Los Angeles with a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science. He later earned his Master’s in Public Administration from the University of Southern California.

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