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California's Health Insurance Association Names New Lobbyist

Sacramento, CA – Nicholas Louizos has joined the California Association of Health Plans (CAHP) as a lobbyist and will represent the Association to the California Legislature.

Mr. Louizos comes to CAHP with nearly 10 years legislative experience, most recently serving as Senior Consultant for Assemblymember Hector De La Torre (D-50), chair of Health and Human Services Budget Subcommittee #1, where he worked on health and labor issues.

“Our primary goal is to advocate before public policy makers on the value of managed care in providing affordable health care to as many Californians as possible. Nick’s personal enthusiasm, breadth of legislative experience, and strong understanding of the issues will help us greatly in our efforts,” said Association CEO and President Christopher Ohman.

Mr. Louizos graduated from the University of Southern California with a Bachelors degree in Political Science. He later earned his Masters in Public Administration from California State University, Los Angeles. Prior to his work with De La Torre, he was the senior consultant to the Assembly Committee on Labor and Employment.

“Government must serve its citizens compassionately and effectively, especially in regards to health care. CAHP and its member companies are on the front lines in this effort. I look forward to working with our state’s legislators as we seek common ground on how best to achieve our mutual goals,” said Nick Louizos.

Nick begins his work at CAHP on May 10, 2006.

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The California Association of Health Plans is a statewide trade association representing 37 Knox-Keene licensed health plans that provide health coverage to more than 21 million Californians. The Association's mission is to improve the health of California's communities by promoting the growth of health plans dedicated to providing high quality, affordable, accessible health care to their members.