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ACAP ELECTS JOHN LOVELACE CHAIR OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WASHINGTON – The Association for Community Affiliated Plans (ACAP) announced John Lovelace as the next Chair of its Board of Directors. Mr. Lovelace is currently President of UPMC *for You*, the largest Medicaid plan in western Pennsylvania which serves more than 265,000 people. Mr. Lovelace is also President of Government Programs and Individual *Advantage* for UPMC Health Plan. He succeeds Howard A. Kahn, Chief Executive Officer of L.A. Care Health Plan.

“This is an exciting time to be in Medicaid managed care, for reasons that go beyond health reform,” said Mr. Lovelace. “Some ACAP organizations are taking new approaches to longstanding problems – and stretching the definition of what it means to be a health plan in the process. Here at UPMC *for You*, our *Cultivating Health for Success* program has delivered targeted case management, housing and transportation assistance to a small group of members with high health care needs, improving health and containing costs in the process. There are related projects at ACAP-member plans that hold similar promise and excitement.”

Mr. Lovelace oversees the operation of UPMC Health Plan’s Medicare, Medicaid, and UPMC *for Kids* products, including a group of Medicare special needs plans that specialize in institutional and chronic conditions. He also directs UPMC Individual *Advantage*, a guaranteed renewable individual product; and operations, finance, and compliance for individual coverage products which are available on and off the Federally Facilitated Marketplace. He also serves as Chief Program Officer at Community Care Behavioral Health Organization, a behavioral health managed care organization that is part of the UPMC Insurance Services Division. Community Care provides behavioral health coverage for more than 700,000 Medicaid beneficiaries in 36 Pennsylvania counties as well as care coordination services in New York.

“Few people in Medicaid managed care can match John’s expertise or influence in the industry,” said ACAP CEO Margaret A. Murray. “After Howard Kahn’s two years of strong leadership through the implementation of health reform, I can’t think of anyone better to help chart ACAP’s course as an association as Safety Net Health Plans move forward in a new business environment.”

Mr. Lovelace formally assumed the chairmanship of ACAP on January 1.

About ACAP

ACAP represents 57 nonprofit Safety Net Health Plans in 24 states, which collectively more than twelve million people enrolled in Medicaid, Medicare, the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and other public health programs. For more information, visit www.communityplans.net.

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