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**ACAP INTRODUCES CHRISTINE AGUIAR AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR MEDICARE AND
MANAGED LONG-TERM CARE**

WASHINGTON –The Association for Community Affiliated Plans (ACAP) today introduced Christine Aguiar as the group’s new Vice President for Medicare and Managed Long-Term Care (MLTC). Ms. Aguiar comes to ACAP with several years' experience as a senior analyst with the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC), where her work focused on dual-eligible beneficiaries, Medicare Advantage special needs plans, and Medicare beneficiaries’ access to care.

At ACAP, Ms. Aguiar will lead the effort to develop and advance positions on federal policy issues of interest to ACAP-member Safety Net Health Plans. Most pertain to services for persons dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid, as well as managed long-term care services. Ms. Aguiar will also work with plans in their effort to advocate on issues such as the Stars Quality Rating system for Medicare Advantage plans and Financial Alignment Demonstration projects implemented in some states that seek to further integrate benefits for dual eligibles.

“We at ACAP consider ourselves fortunate to bring on someone with Christine’s command of the issues and her depth of experience at organizations that have close input into the Medicare program,” said ACAP CEO Margaret A. Murray. “She’s a terrific fit for our organization and will be an effective representative to both the Administration and policymakers on Capitol Hill, as well as an advocate for our plans that operate in the Medicare space.”

Nineteen of ACAP’s 59 member plans operate a Special Needs Plan (SNP) serving dually eligible populations. Seventeen are participating in Financial Alignment Demonstrations that are planned or underway in states around the country.

Prior to joining MedPAC, Ms. Aguiar worked at two well-known health care consulting firms—Avalere Health and the Lewin Group—where in each case she performed qualitative and quantitative analyses in health policy for a variety of government and private clients. She holds an M.P.H. in Health Policy from the University of Michigan and a bachelor's degree from Cornell University.

About ACAP

ACAP represents 59 nonprofit Safety Net Health Plans in 24 states, which collectively serve 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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