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AAPCHO Applauds Biden Executive Order Strengthening Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act

WASHINGTON – Today, the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) released the following statement on President Biden’s executive order Strengthening Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act, to create a special enrollment period (SEP) for individuals to access health insurance through Medicaid or the Marketplace. The president has also ordered a review of federal regulations to improve access to health care and rescind barriers implemented during the previous administration that undermined the ACA and Medicaid. The Special Enrollment Period is expected to open from February 15, 2021 - May 15, 2021. Visit www.healthcare.gov for more information.

Adam Carbullido, AAPCHO’s director of policy and advocacy, said:

“Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have been hit hard by COVID-19 and the economic crisis. Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders have the highest case rates of COVID-19 of any community, and Asian Americans are among the most likely to be hospitalized with COVID-19 infection. AAPCHO applauds President Biden for making it easier for individuals to access health care and opening a ‘Special Enrollment Period’ so millions of Americans currently without insurance can sign-up for Medicaid or Marketplace coverage.

“AAPCHO’s community health center members are frontline providers for many AA, NH, and PI patients, and other underserved communities, who rely on Medicaid in order to seek care. We, in collaboration with our members and partners, look forward to ensuring that health care is affordable and effective for all communities.”

About AAPCHO

AAPCHO is a national association of community health organizations dedicated to promoting advocacy, collaboration and leadership that improves the health status and access of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. For more information on AAPCHO, please visit www.aapcho.org.

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