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DMHC Finds Covered California Proposed Health Plan Rates Not Unreasonable

(Sacramento) – The California Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) announced today that the proposed rates for individual health plans to be offered through Covered California are not unreasonable. As required by law, DMHC actuaries conducted a thorough review of the premium rates proposed by 13 Qualified Health Plans that will offer coverage beginning January 1, 2014. The actuaries evaluated the plans' justification for the proposed rates, including anticipated medical and administration costs, utilization trends and profits.

"DMHC actuaries carefully reviewed the proposed rate filings from each of 13 Qualified Health Plans that will offer coverage in the individual market through Covered California. Upon close scrutiny, the DMHC found that the plans have justified their proposed premium rates," said DMHC Director Brent Barnhart.

The DMHC reviewed proposed premiums for the following individual Covered California Qualified Health Plans:

Alameda Alliance for Health	Valley Health Plan
L.A. Care Health Plan	Contra Costa Health Services
Anthem Blue Cross of California	Ventura County Health Care Plan
Molina Healthcare	Health Net
Blue Shield of California	Western Health Advantage
Sharp HealthCare	Kaiser Permanente
Chinese Community Health Plan	

Since January 2011, the DMHC has saved Californians approximately \$53 million through its health plan rate review program. Under existing state law, proposed rates and increases for individual or small group health plans must be filed with the DMHC. The department's actuaries perform an in-depth review of all proposed rate increases to ensure that the proposed rate changes are justified by underlying medical costs and trends.

For more information on premium rate review, visit www.ratereview.dmhc.ca.gov.

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