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Massachusetts Association of Health Plans Promotes Robert McLaughlin to Vice President of Government and External Affairs

BOSTON, MA – The Massachusetts Association of Health Plans (MAHP) is pleased to announce the promotion of Robert McLaughlin to **Vice President of Government and External Affairs**.

McLaughlin joined MAHP in 2023 as **Senior Director of Government Affairs**, bringing extensive experience in health policy and public service. Since then, he has played a pivotal role in strengthening MAHP's advocacy with elected officials and the Healey Administration, particularly around advancing policy solutions to address health care affordability. During the 2023–2024 legislative session, McLaughlin was instrumental in shaping MAHP's legislative strategy ensuring that MAHP's views were considered on several major pieces of legislation that eventually became law.

"Since joining MAHP, Rob has demonstrated outstanding leadership and a deep understanding of the complex policy landscape," said **Lora Pellegrini**, President and CEO of MAHP. "He is a strong and effective advocate for our mission of delivering high-quality, affordable, and equitable health care. We are excited to see him take on this expanded role and continue driving our work forward."

Prior to MAHP, McLaughlin held senior roles in both the Healey and Baker Administrations, most recently serving as **Senior Director of Legislative Affairs** at the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS). In this role, he supported Secretary Kate Walsh and helped navigate the transition into the Healey-Driscoll Administration. He also served as a trusted advisor to former Secretary Marylou Sudders and played a critical role in supporting the COVID-19 Command Center at the height of the pandemic.

McLaughlin's public service career includes more than a decade of legislative experience, having served as **Chief of Staff to former Senator Jim Timilty** and **Legislative Director to former Senate President Stan Rosenberg**.

"I'm honored by this opportunity and grateful to Lora, the board of directors, and our entire MAHP team for their continued confidence," said McLaughlin. "It's a privilege to work alongside such a dedicated group of professionals committed to driving real solutions. I look forward to continuing our partnership with the Healey-Driscoll Administration and the Legislature to promote affordable, high-quality, and equitable care for all Massachusetts residents."

McLaughlin is a graduate of **Boston Latin School** and earned his **Bachelor of Arts in Political Science** from the **University of Massachusetts Amherst**.

About MAHP

The Massachusetts Association of Health Plans represents 13 health plans and one behavioral health organization, collectively covering nearly 3 million Massachusetts residents. MAHP is committed to improving the health of all residents by advancing policies that promote affordable, high-quality, and equitable health care.

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