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**Michigan Association of Health Plans appoints Dominick Pallone to replace retiring Rick Murdock as Executive Director**

Lansing, MI—Dominick Pallone will become the new executive director of Michigan Association of Health Plans (MAHP) effective January 1, 2017, replacing Rick Murdock who is retiring from the association after serving more than 12 years as its leader.

Pallone is currently the deputy director at MAHP. In this position, Pallone is responsible for the administration of programs and has worked closely with a wide range of stakeholders including the association’s member plans’ chief executive officers, board of directors and committee chairs along with legislative leaders and legislative committees.

“Dominick has already proven his value to MAHP as deputy director, and there is no doubt his expertise, experience and leadership will continue to advance the strategic goals of the association,” said Beverly Allen, CEO of Aetna Better Health of Michigan and MAHP board chair. “We thank Rick for his extensive service to the state of Michigan and to our association where he has continued to serve as a leader and public policy champion.”

Prior to joining MAHP, Dominick was a partner at Midwest Strategy Group, a multi-client lobby firm where he specialized in health care, state appropriations, Medicaid, higher education, transportation and state procurement. He has also served as staff within the state House and Senate, most notably as Committee Clerk for the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Joint Capital Outlay Subcommittee.

Currently, Pallone volunteers his time by serving on the Michigan Transportation Connection Board and was appointed by Governor Snyder to the Michigan Municipal Services Authority Board.

Pallone earned his bachelor’s degree in International Relations from Michigan State University. During his academic years, he served on the NCAA Student Athlete Advisory Council representing Division 1 student-athletes.

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*The Michigan Association of Health Plans (MAHP) is an industry voice for 14 health care plans, covering more than 2.5 million Michigan residents, and 50 businesses affiliated with the health care industry. MAHP facilitates communication among members, government, and the industry regarding health care issues of common concern. The mission of the Michigan Association of Health Plans is to provide leadership for the promotion and advocacy of high quality, affordable, accessible health care for the citizens of Michigan.*