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NAMD Announces New Board Leadership

Washington DC – The National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMD) is pleased to announce that Judy Mohr Peterson, Ph.D., Medicaid Director for the state of Hawai'i, is stepping into the role of president of NAMD's board of directors effective immediately.

"We are thrilled to have Judy in this critical role for NAMD because she brings both a pragmatic and aspirational vision for Medicaid as our nation's most important health and long-term care program," says Matt Salo, executive director of NAMD. "She's a fierce advocate for Medicaid directors and the tremendously challenging job they have."

"Medicaid directors are uniformly committed to improving the health and health care of some of the most vulnerable Americans while being good stewards of tax payer dollars. Through NAMD, we are able to collectively identify and advance consensus priorities for improving Medicaid; share best practices and strategies across our states; and receive support and technical assistance from NAMD. I'm honored to be in this leadership position on behalf of Medicaid directors," says Dr. Mohr Peterson.

Dr. Mohr Peterson has 20 years of public health experience, including six years as Medicaid director for Oregon where she helped lead the state's health system transformation and coverage expansion. She replaces Christian Soura, who recently left his role as Medicaid director in South Carolina.

Also joining the board leadership as vice-president is Kate McEvoy, Connecticut's Medicaid director since 2013 and a current NAMD board member. "Kate brings extensive Medicaid knowledge, vital advocacy experience, and leadership innovations to the NAMD board," says Matt.

Tom Betlach, the Medicaid director for Arizona, as well as one of the longest serving Medicaid directors in the country, continues in his role as past president of the board.

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