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Coalition of Organizations Serving Seniors Reacts to Local Health Plan Seizure

Oakland, California - Today the Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County released a statement in response to the California Department of Managed Health Care's action yesterday to take possession of Alameda Alliance for Health due to financial solvency issues.

Wendy Peterson, Director of the Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County, made the following statement:

"The Senior Services Coalition and the community-based organizations that are our members have high regard for Alameda Alliance for Health, the county's local initiative health plan. This good will is a direct result of the many years of partnership and community engagement that the Alliance has undertaken as our county prepares for the launch of the Coordinated Care Initiative. We want to express clear recognition for Alliance's collaborative, person-centered approach. We hope that as Alliance steers out of its current financial difficulties, it will be able to retain and continue to cultivate these strengths."

Peterson added, "We think that Alliance shares our vision for a county where people can age in place, live with dignity, be part of a community, maintain health and mobility, and feel safe. In our county, about one in 8 people are over 65, and almost half of them are economically insecure. In the next six years, the over-65 population will grow by 30%. We need strong local partners, including the Alliance, to ensure that we are ready to address that tremendous growth. If we can help people age successfully, we will also be able to control costs."

The Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County represents over 40 nonprofit and public organizations that provide healthcare and supportive services to seniors in Alameda County. Together, our members serve over 50,000 people. SSC is committed to advocating for policy change that improves the lives of seniors in Alameda County, now and in the future.

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