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Covered California on Board Chair Sec. Mark Ghaly Leaving CHHS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Covered California Executive Director Jessica Altman issued the following statement on Sec. Mark Ghaly leaving his posts as California’s Secretary of Health and Human Services and Covered California’s Board Chair at the end of this month:

“It has been an honor and a privilege to work alongside someone as dedicated to the health of Californians as Sec. Ghaly.

Since being appointed by Gov. Gavin Newsom in 2019, Sec. Ghaly has been a terrific steward as Chair of the Covered California board, presiding over the lowest uninsured rate on record, the implementation of California’s cost-sharing reduction program and the Medi-Cal to Covered California Enrollment Program, and the adoption of first-in-the nation contract requirements to ensure Covered California’s health plans move the needle on quality and equity.

Sec. Ghaly has been a steadfast champion for Covered California, amplifying our efforts to get more Californians covered and be a catalyst for improving health care across the state and nationally. Sec. Ghaly’s incredible leadership and vision has helped Covered California continue to deliver on the promise of the Affordable Care Act.

While Sec. Ghaly’s thoughtful leadership will be missed, we wish him the best of luck and we know he will continue working towards making a healthier California for all.”

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About Covered California

Covered California is the state's health insurance marketplace, where Californians can find affordable, high-quality coverage from private, brand-name insurance carriers. It is the only place where individuals who qualify can get financial help to reduce their monthly premiums. Depending on their income, some people may qualify for California's low-cost or no-cost Medi-Cal program.

Covered California's mission is to increase the number of insured Californians, improve health care quality, lower costs, and reduce health care disparities through an innovative, competitive marketplace that empowers consumers to choose the health plan and providers that give them the best value. The organization is an independent part of the state government and is overseen by a five-member board appointed by the governor and the Legislature. For more information about Covered California, please visit www.CoveredCA.com.

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