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**CALOPTIMA DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS TO BECOME
CALIFORNIA'S MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE CHIEF**

*Margaret Tatar Named to Lead Managed Care Division
of California Department of Health Care Services*

ORANGE, Calif. (December 21, 2011) — Margaret Tatar, CalOptima's Executive Director of Public Affairs, has been selected by the Brown Administration to be Chief of the Medi-Cal Managed Care Division of the California Department of Health Care Services. Tatar, who has been with CalOptima since 2003, will begin her new position in late January.

"The Brown Administration's selection of Margaret Tatar to fill such an important position at such a pivotal time for health care speaks volumes about the great respect we have for Margaret and her dedication to the Medi-Cal program," said Richard Chambers, CalOptima CEO. "Her contributions to CalOptima and Orange County residents have been significant, and we understand the great value she will bring to all of California in her new role. We wish her well."

Edward B. Kacic, Chairman of the CalOptima Board of Directors, added: "The state's selection of Margaret for this position says a lot about her — and a lot about the respect CalOptima has earned throughout the state. We will miss Margaret here, but look forward to continuing to work with her in her new role."

About CalOptima

CalOptima is a county organized health system providing publicly funded health coverage programs for low-income families, seniors and people with disabilities in Orange County, Calif. CalOptima serves 422,000 members with a network of more than 5,800 primary care doctors and specialists, as well as 24 hospitals. CalOptima provides access to quality health care through three programs, including Medi-Cal, Healthy Families Program and OneCare (HMO SNP).

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