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**CALOPTIMA ANNOUNCES CEO RICHARD CHAMBERS
WILL LEAVE AGENCY IN APRIL**

ORANGE, Calif. (February 14, 2012) — Edward Kacic, chairman of the CalOptima Board of Directors, announced today that Chief Executive Officer Richard Chambers will be leaving CalOptima in early April to become President of Molina Healthcare of California in Long Beach.

“It is with deep regret that I received Richard Chambers’ resignation today,” Kacic said. “It is difficult to imagine a CalOptima without Richard. However, with new leadership, we will continue to be a model for the effective delivery of care to Medi-Cal and Medicare recipients. Initiatives that Richard encouraged years ago are recognized nationwide as the best approaches in managed care, such as his advocacy of coordinated systems for seniors and people with disabilities. His vision, impeccable reputation, and ability to build and motivate an excellent team have been a great benefit to Orange County.”

As an example of that leadership, Kacic pointed to the award Chambers received this past week from the Insure the Uninsured Project, a prominent California organization dedicated to promoting coverage for the state’s uninsured. The award recognized Chambers’ outstanding achievements in improving access to health care for Orange County’s vulnerable populations.

Kacic will immediately ask members of the CalOptima Board of Directors to serve as the search committee for Chambers’ replacement. CalOptima stakeholders will also be asked to provide input into the selection of the agency’s next CEO. “This is too important an appointment at too critical a time to not engage our full Board and our stakeholders,” Kacic said. “This is a very prominent and visible position in Orange County. I will ask the Board to retain an executive search firm and direct the firm to consider internal candidates as well as to conduct a nationwide search so we can find the best leader for CalOptima during these dynamic times.”

Chambers said: “My decision to leave CalOptima after eight wonderful years was difficult on many levels, the most significant of which was my strong desire not to leave when the organization was facing critical challenges. Ultimately, though, I came to realize that I have accomplished what I set out to do at CalOptima, and that this organization is strong, with an exceptional professional staff and many friends in our community, Sacramento and Washington, D.C. I can now turn the reins over to a new leader, knowing that the person selected will

continue CalOptima's proud history of being a positive force for a better, healthier, more compassionate Orange County.

"The position at Molina Healthcare presented an ideal professional opportunity for me, as it will enable me to continue my passion for caring for vulnerable populations in five California counties. Molina Healthcare is a growing company focused on the people I have spent my career serving — Medi-Cal members and low-income residents."

"This is a great opportunity for Richard, and I know he will excel in his new position," Kacic said.

Prior to joining CalOptima, Chambers spent more than 27 years working for the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. He serves as a commissioner on the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC), and a member of the Congressional Budget Office Panel of Health Advisers, two high-level groups that advise Congress on health care policy matters. He also serves on California's Olmstead Advisory Committee and the California Department of Health Care Services Stakeholder Advisory Committee for the Section 1115 Medicaid Waiver Project.

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 424,000 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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