



REPEAT/Molina Healthcare Announces Key Appointments to Support Its Corporate Infrastructure

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LONG BEACH, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 6, 2004--Molina Healthcare, Inc. (NYSE:MOH), today announced the following appointments:

Kelly A. Ryan joins the company as Associate General Counsel based in Sacramento, California. Ms. Ryan has been practicing law for approximately 10 years and comes to Molina with a wealth of experience from both the private and government sectors. Most recently she served as staff counsel at the California Department of Managed Care, which has oversight responsibility for California HMOs. Prior to that, Ms. Ryan was Vice President and Assistant General Counsel at First Union Corporation (the Money Store). She earned her Juris Doctor degree from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mills College in Oakland, California.

Also based in Sacramento, Gene Berk joins the company as Associate General Counsel. Mr. Berk has been in private practice limited exclusively to health care law for approximately 20 years. Most recently, Mr. Berk was a shareholder in the law firm of Koenig Caprile & Berk, a health care law firm specializing in the representation of health care businesses throughout the United States. Mr. Berk earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Hastings College of The Law, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from University of California, Santa Barbara.

Karen O. MacDonald joins as Actuarial Manager for Molina Healthcare, Inc. based in Long Beach, California. Prior to joining Molina Ms. MacDonald was Vice President and Corporate Actuary for the Transamerica Life Companies. She served on the boards and investment committees of those companies beginning in 1995. She has 25 years of professional actuarial experience and is both a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries. Ms. MacDonald holds both a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts in Mathematics from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Also based in Long Beach, California, Babar Saghir joins Molina Healthcare, Inc. as Director of Finance. Included among Mr. Saghir's responsibilities will be budgeting and financial reporting/analysis. Prior to joining Molina, Mr. Saghir was Vice President of Finance and Operations for TrinityCare Hospice, a wholly owned subsidiary of Little Company of Mary Health System. Prior to TrinityCare Hopsice, Mr. Saghir was a Director of Finance for Maxicare. He has 10 years experience in corporate accounting. Mr. Saghir holds an undergraduate degree from Texas Wesleyan University, Fort Worth, Texas, and Master of Business Administration degree from University of Dallas.

John A. Rios joins as Business Development Associate for Molina Healthcare, Inc. Prior to joining Molina Mr. Rios served in various roles in business development, hospital administration, strategic planning, government & public relations, marketing and consulting. Prior employers include the National Hispanic Medical Association (Washington, DC), AltaMed Health Services Corp., Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Mr. Rios holds an Executive MBA degree from the University of Southern California Marshall School of Business, a Master's of Health Administration degree from USC's School of Policy, Planning and Development, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the California State University, Fullerton.

"As our business continues to grow, our new hires will ensure that Molina has the right resources committed to their respective departments enabling our corporate entity to provide focused and coordinated support to all of our health plans," said J. Mario Molina, MD, President and Chief Executive Officer of Molina Healthcare, Inc.

About Molina Healthcare

Molina Healthcare, Inc. is a rapidly growing, multi-state managed care organization that arranges for the delivery of healthcare services to persons eligible for Medicaid and other programs for low-income families and individuals. The Company currently operates health plans in California, Washington, Michigan, Utah and New Mexico. More information on Molina Healthcare can be obtained at www.molinahealthcare.com.

The Company, from time to time, may discuss forward-looking information. Except for the historical information contained in this release, all forward-looking statements are predictions by the Company's management and are subject to various risks and uncertainties that may cause results to differ from management's current expectations. Such factors include the Company's third-party contracts, the Company's ability to accurately predict and effectively manage health benefits and other operating expenses, competition, changes in healthcare practices, changes in federal or state laws or regulations or the interpretation thereof, reduction in provider payments by governmental payors, disasters, numerous other factors affecting the delivery and cost of healthcare and other risks as detailed from time-to-time in the Company's reports and filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. All forward-looking statements, if any, in this release represent the Company's judgment as of the date of this release. The Company disclaims, however, any intent or obligation to update forward-looking statements.

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