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Massachusetts Association of Health Plans Announces Staff Promotions

BOSTON – Today the Massachusetts Association of Health Plans announced two staff promotions.

Liz Leahy has been promoted to Vice President of Advocacy and Engagement. She leads the organization in priority areas including administrative simplification, hospital and provider relations, public health, and dual-eligible public programs and serves as MAHP’s Chief of Staff. Her work to foster communication and collaboration across stakeholders has been instrumental as the industry responds to the COVID-19 crisis. She holds a J.D. from New England School of Law and a B.A. from Merrimack College, where she teaches courses in gender studies, law, and public policy. Liz holds a Professional designation through the Academy for Health Care Management and was appointed by Governor Baker to serve on the Advisory Board of Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination. She has been at MAHP since 2014.

Nikki Sonwane has worked with MAHP since 2019 as a consultant and now joins the staff on a full-time basis as a Health Policy and Research Analyst. Nikki brings years of legal experience in business, health, and public policy both in India and the United States. Her responsibilities will include research and data analysis to support MAHP’s advocacy work. Nikki is currently a PhD candidate at Westcliff University, where she is working on developing her dissertation relative to administration and management of law, public policy, and programs. She is a licensed attorney in India and holds a Master of Law in International Business Laws (LL.M.) from Northeastern University School of Law and Master of Business Administration (M.B.A) from Campbellsville University.

“Liz and Nikki are valued members of the staff and I’m excited for their continued contributions in these new positions,” said MAHP President Lora Pellegrini. “As we enter 2021, we continue to support our members and providers through this unprecedented pandemic, while at the same time, remaining committed to health care access and cost containment in order to make health care more affordable for both employers and consumers.”

About MAHP

The Massachusetts Association of Health Plans represents 17 health plans covering nearly 3 million Massachusetts residents. It is dedicated to improving health for all in Massachusetts by promoting affordable, safe and coordinated health care.

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