



inception and continues to be focused on serving residents. CalOptima has cultivated relationships and built provider and resource networks for nearly three decades. Indeed AltaMed Health Services Corporation, and CalOptima believe Orange County is unique — its composition, provider dynamics, regional disparities and more. Residents may prefer a local health plan that knows them and their neighborhood. Expansion into a marketplace plan is a natural next step for CalOptima, and the timing is right considering changes in the post-pandemic health care landscape.

The Public Health Emergency (PHE) is anticipated to draw to a close this summer. AltaMed Health Services Corporation shares CalOptima's priority of continuity of care for members in creating a marketplace plan. The end of the PHE will likely result in large numbers of members losing CalOptima coverage because members' Medi-Cal eligibility was not reassessed during the PHE. Former CalOptima members would benefit from being able to purchase a CalOptima plan that lets them stay with the same doctor. This would allow for more seamless transitions.

Again, AltaMed Health Services Corporation offers our full support to CalOptima for its proposed entrance into Covered California with a commercial health plan that stands to benefit both members and providers. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Castulo de la Rocha".

Castulo de la Rocha
President and Chief Executive Officer