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**INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION NAMES ALLEN FEEZOR TO BOARD**

WALNUT CREEK, CA – The Integrated Healthcare Association (IHA), a statewide leadership group active in health care policy and managed care issues, announces the appointment of **Allen D. Feezor**, Health Benefits Administrator for CalPERS, to its Board of Directors. Feezor replaces Margaret Stanley, who served on the IHA Board from 1996 until her departure from CalPERS last year for the Regence Blue Shield health plan in the State of Washington.

Feezor was appointed to his post last September and took over on January 1 of this year. He serves as the top health advisor for the Board of Administration and CEO of the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS), which purchases health coverage for more than 1.1 million public employees, retirees, and their families at more than 1,300 state and local public agencies throughout California. Feezor oversees CalPERS contracts with 10 HMOs, two self-funded PPOs, and three “association” plans for members of specialized groups, as well as one of the fastest growing long-term care plans.

Prior to joining CalPERS, Feezor was vice president for planning, marketing, network development, and managed care for University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina. He also served as chief deputy commissioner for the North Carolina Department of Insurance from 1985-1995, as executive administrator of the 430,000 member North Carolina Teachers’ State Employees’ and Retirees’ Health Plans, and as senior Washington (DC) representative for the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Association.

Feezor serves on the board of the Pacific Business Group on Health and is a past president of the Utilization Review Accreditation Commission and past chair of a National Association of Insurance Commissioners' task force which developed model laws on insurance reform, purchasing alliances, and health plan accountability. He is also a past member of two Institute of Medicine studies on the future of health benefits and improving Medicare. Feezor earned both his B.A. degree in political science and M.A. in political science and intergovernmental relations at Duke University.

*IHA ([www.iha.org](http://www.iha.org)) is a statewide leadership group of health plans, physician groups, and health care systems, plus at large academic, purchaser, consumer, and pharmaceutical industry representatives, committed to policy development, public dialogue, and special projects associated with the continuing evolution of managed health care.*