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**HEALTH PLAN OF SAN JOAQUIN (HPSJ) ANNOUNCES
NEW COMPLIANCE / PRIVACY DIRECTOR**

(French Camp, CA) – Health Plan of San Joaquin (HPSJ) has announced that **Jose A. Cosio, MPH, CHC**, has joined HPSJ as director of compliance and privacy. Cosio, who is certified in healthcare compliance (CHC) by the national Compliance Certifications Board (Minneapolis, Minnesota), comes to HPSJ with over 11 years of leadership experience in health plan regulatory services, including: knowledge of managed care utilization management; claims/billing; and continuing care and revenue cycle.

“Through his experiences, Joe will enhance our Compliance Department, including managing HPSJ’s Payment Integrity Program, which helps to identify fraud, waste and abuse,” said HPSJ Compliance Officer **Alejandra Clyde, MHA, CHC**. “He also will have day-to-day responsibility for HPSJ’s privacy functions,” she added.

Most recently Cosio was chief operations officer for Visiting Nurse & Hospice Care (Santa Barbara). Previously, he was area administrator for Kaiser Permanente Fontana and Ontario Medical Centers, where he managed a home health and hospice program and ensured the implementation of a regional compliance program to protect the privacy of its members. Prior to that position, he was auditor for statewide regulatory compliance and privacy regulatory services, and Medicare Compliance officer for Kaiser Permanente in Pasadena, California.

Cosio received his bachelor of science degree in biology from the University of San Francisco, and went on to earn a master of public health from the University of California, Los Angeles.

About HPSJ

HPSJ, a not-for-profit health plan, has been serving members and the community since 1996. Located in the heart of California’s multicultural Central Valley, HPSJ is the leading Medi-Cal Managed Care provider in San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties. HPSJ offers a broad network of providers and works closely with physicians to develop programs and services to ensure quality health care for over 330,000 members.

HPSJ is currently one of only 12 health plans in California with NCQA Accreditation for a managed care Medi-Cal program. Medicaid is known as Medi-Cal in California. Only 160 Medicaid/HMO plans in the U.S. had this NCQA seal at the time of HPSJ’s 2015 Accreditation.

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Photo: Jose A. Cosio, HPSJ Director of Compliance / Privacy (photo credit: HPSJ, June 2016)

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