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Dr. Laurie Nakahira joins Santa Clara Family Health Plan as Chief Medical Officer

San Jose, CA – January 17, 2019 – Santa Clara Family Health Plan (SCFHP) announces the appointment of Laurie Nakahira, D.O., as Chief Medical Officer.

With more than 20 years in clinical practice and management, Dr. Nakahira is responsible for ensuring the availability, quality and delivery of health care services to SCFHP members via medical oversight of operations and activities of Utilization Management, Case Management, Quality Improvement, Pharmacy, Long-Term Services and Supports and Behavioral Health. In addition, she oversees the development and implementation of medical policies in support of organizational objectives, compliance, and operational excellence.

Before joining SCFHP, Dr. Nakahira served as Medical Director and Chief Medical Officer for Davis Street Community Center, a Federally Qualified Health Clinic in San Leandro, CA. She led clinical operations, including quality improvement, clinical audits, and the integration of medical, dental and behavioral health departments.

Prior to her work at Davis Street Community Center, Dr. Nakahira was Medical Director and Interim Chief Medical Officer at Alameda Alliance for Health, where she built a three-year interim strategic plan and developed the case management and disease management department.

“I look forward to collaborating with the outstanding team of professionals at Santa Clara Family Health Plan and its wide network of providers and community partners to bring high quality care to the most vulnerable members of our community,” says Dr. Nakahira. “I am committed to ensuring that our members receive the best level of care available.”

Dr. Nakahira earned her undergraduate degree from California State University Long Beach and attended medical school at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, California. She completed her residency at University of Southern California Medical Center Departments of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at Los Angeles County. Dr. Nakahira is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics.

About Santa Clara Family Health Plan

SCFHP is a local, public, not-for-profit health plan that provides high-quality health coverage to residents of Santa Clara County. Through a dedicated partnership with an expansive network of doctors and other professionals, SCFHP acts as a bridge between the health care system and those who do not have access to or cannot afford health care. SCFHP is the local plan for Medi-Cal, Cal MediConnect and Healthy Kids HMO in Santa Clara County. SCFHP began offering coverage in 1997 and is now proud to provide services to over 251,000 residents of Santa Clara County. Through devotion to outstanding service and care for the community, SCFHP is committed to providing quality, affordable health insurance to the underserved in Santa Clara County's diverse population. For more information, visit www.scfhp.com.

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