

# News Release

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## **Howard Kahn, HMO Executive, Named President of California Wellness Foundation**

WOODLAND HILLS, Calif. (September 3, 1991) -- Howard A. Kahn has been named president of the California Wellness Foundation, established in September 1990 by Health Net. He will report to the Foundation's board of directors.

"Howard Kahn has a track record of building organizations that improve the health of Californians," said Roger F. Greaves, chairman of the Foundation's board of directors.

Kahn was founding chief executive officer of the Health Plan of San Mateo, a successful pilot program employing the principles of health maintenance organizations (HMOs) to locally administer the Medicaid (Medi-Cal) program. Kahn is on the board of directors of Friends Outside, a national organization for families of prisoners. He attended Harvard College, graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of California at Berkeley and earned a master's in public policy from the Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota, where he received a Hubert Humphrey Fellowship.

The Foundation is devoted exclusively to health promotion and disease prevention. It will receive at least \$127 million plus stock options from Health Net, making it one of America's largest health-oriented foundations. Under state law, Health Net must endow the charity as part of its plan to convert to an employee-owned HMO. State law mandates the charity to carry on the company's non-profit mission. The terms of the contribution and the organization of the Foundation must be approved by the state Department of Corporations (DOC). After the endowment is approved by DOC, the non-profit Foundation will become independent of Health Net, which serves 845,000 Californians and also is based in Woodland Hills.

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