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Shawn Coughlin Joins NAPHS as Executive Vice President for Government Relations and Public Policy

(Washington, D.C., January 3, 2017)....Effective January 3, **Shawn Coughlin** has joined the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS) as executive vice president for government relations and public policy. In this role, he will oversee the association's advocacy work on Capitol Hill and help to set and implement strategic policy goals that support high-quality care for Americans who live with mental and substance use disorders.

"Well known on Capitol Hill and in the advocacy community, Shawn brings multiple strengths to the role and to the overall association agenda," said NAPHS President and CEO Mark Covall. "We are pleased to welcome an individual with such a solid track record of advocacy success."

Mr. Coughlin brings more than 20 years of advocacy experience to the association. During his more than 14 years with Capitol Health Group (as owner, principal, and chief operating officer), Mr. Coughlin was part of a team (that included the late Mike Bromberg) that served as advocacy consultant to NAPHS on behavioral health policy.

Mr. Coughlin worked for several years on Capitol Hill, handling various healthcare policy needs for several Members of the Ways and Means Committee. He also was a professional staff member on the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health.

Mr. Coughlin earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Lafayette College in 1987 and a Masters in Public Management from the University of Maryland in 1990.

About NAPHS

The National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS) advocates for behavioral health and represents provider systems that are committed to the delivery of responsive, accountable, and clinically effective prevention, treatment, and care for children, adolescents, adults, and older adults with mental and substance use disorders. Its members are behavioral healthcare provider organizations that own or manage more than 800 specialty psychiatric hospitals, general hospital psychiatric and addiction treatment units and behavioral healthcare divisions, residential treatment facilities, youth services organizations, and extensive outpatient networks. The association was founded in 1933.

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