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**Cindy Belcher Assumes Role of Chief Operating Officer
of the Cooperative of American Physicians**

LOS ANGELES, CA (July 1, 2014) – Cindy Belcher has been promoted to chief operating officer of the Cooperative of American Physicians, Inc. (CAP). She assumes a role that is new for the organization after having served most recently as senior vice president of Corporate Strategy and Business Development.

Ms. Belcher’s promotion coincides with the announcement by CEO James L. Weidner that, after 20 years at the helm of the organization, he will retire effective March 1, 2015.

“Cindy has tremendous insight into the needs of physicians, medical groups, and health care facilities,” says Béla S. Kenessey, MD, President and Chair of the CAP Board of Directors. “With Cindy’s depth of experience, we are confident that, in an ever-changing environment, CAP will continue to provide innovative professional liability protection, risk management, and practice management solutions to the health care community.”

Ms. Belcher joined CAP in 1999 and has served in numerous roles of increasing responsibility, including senior vice president of corporate strategy and business development, vice president of membership, and director of marketing/customer relations; overseeing the organization’s underwriting, business development, membership services, and membership development functions. She retains her position as COO of the Cooperative of American Physicians Insurance Company, Inc., a Hawaii-domiciled subsidiary of CAP that is rated A- (Stable) by A.M. Best. Additionally, she is a Board Director for City of Hope’s National Insurance Industry Council, which honored her in 2008 with its William R. Story Award for Leadership and Professionalism.

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About the Cooperative of American Physicians, Inc.

The Cooperative of American Physicians, Inc. (CAP) was established in 1975 by a group of California physicians to manage the escalating cost of medical professional liability coverage. Two years later, CAP formed the Mutual Protection Trust, which today provides protection to some 12,000 of

California's finest physicians, and which has earned an A+ (Superior) rating from A.M. Best since 2006. In 2013, CAP created the CAPAssurance Risk Purchasing Group, providing hospitals, facilities, and large physician groups access to top-rated liability and risk management services. Based in Los Angeles, CAP also has offices in San Diego, Orange County, Sacramento, and Palo Alto. For more information, visit www.CAPphysicians.com.