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Uma Ahluwalia is a respected health care and human services professional with extensive experience leading key growth initiatives in demanding political and legislative environments.

She is an expert in delivering innovative, reliable, cost-effective solutions and public policy strategies that improve operations and productivity with more than 25 years of child welfare experience.

Prior to joining HMA, she served as director of the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services in Maryland. During her 12-year tenure, she led implementation of the Affordable Care Act, oversaw the

move to a more integrated and interoperable health and human services enterprise, and managed public-private partnerships and programs. During her tenure she oversaw services delivered under a state-supervised county-run system funded through a block grant memorandum of understanding with the State.

Ms. Ahluwalia was responsible for Montgomery County, Maryland becoming one of the few jurisdictions recognized as a national model for integrating public health with human services and behavioral health to address population health and well-being. This integration across both public and private agencies involved strong community-based organization partnerships and innovative contracting models.

Ms. Ahluwalia's work experience also includes leadership in child welfare as the interim director in the Child and Family Services Agency in Washington, DC, and assistant secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services in the State of Washington for the Children's Administration.

She earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Delhi in India and a specialist, post-master's in health services administration from George Washington University. Over her 28-year career in human services, she has progressively moved from case-carrying social work to executive leadership at the state and local levels.