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AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC ANNOUNCES
NEW CHAIRMAN OF ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**One of *TIME* Magazine's Most Influential Hispanics in America to lead
Aquarium of the Pacific's Board of Directors**

(February 5, 2007, Long Beach, Calif.)- Today, the Aquarium of the Pacific announced J. Mario Molina, MD as its new chairman of the Board of Directors. Featured as one of *TIME* Magazine's 25 Most Influential Hispanics in 2005, Dr. Molina continues to make waves. As chairman, president, and chief executive officer of Molina Healthcare, Inc. (NYSE:MOH), several of his company's health plan subsidiaries are ranked by US News and World Report among the top fifty Medicaid plans in the United States. Furthermore, Molina Healthcare is recognized as one of America's 400 Best Big Companies by Forbes Magazine, and as the fourth largest Hispanic owned business in America by Hispanic Business Magazine.

"The Aquarium of the Pacific is excited that Dr. Mario Molina has agreed to chair our board for the next two years. He is a true leader, and we welcome his innovative talents," said Jerry Schubel, president and CEO of the Aquarium of the Pacific. Dr. Molina has served as a member of the Aquarium's board since 2004.

In his new role, Molina plans to provide leadership in board development and fundraising efforts in the broader Southern California area that the nonprofit Aquarium serves. "The Aquarium of the Pacific has grown tremendously since it opened just eight years ago, expanding beyond the traditional role of an aquarium. As its initiatives continue, I look forward to positioning the Aquarium for long-term growth and success," said Dr. Molina.

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In 2002 Dr. Molina was named the Ernst & Young Greater Los Angeles Entrepreneur of the Year. He received his M.D. from the University of Southern California. Dr. Molina currently resides in South Pasadena with his wife and four children. “The Aquarium inspires others to make a difference in protecting our ocean for the benefit of us all. This is an important cause, and I am proud to be part of it,” said Dr. Molina.

Molina Healthcare, Inc.

Molina Healthcare, Inc. is a publicly traded multi-state managed care organization that arranges for the delivery of healthcare services to persons eligible for Medicaid and other government-sponsored programs for low-income families and individuals. Molina Healthcare, Inc. currently operates health plans in California, Michigan, New Mexico, Ohio, Texas, Utah, and Washington. More information about Molina Healthcare, Inc. can be obtained at www.molinahealthcare.com.

Aquarium of the Pacific

The Aquarium of the Pacific, a nonprofit institution, is dedicated to instilling a sense of wonder, respect, and stewardship for the Pacific Ocean, its inhabitants, and ecosystems. The Aquarium is home to more than 12,500 animals and is visited by 1.35 million people annually. It features a variety of programs both on and off-site to engage the public in ocean conservation and environmental education, including Aquarium on Wheels outreach programs for low-income inner city schools and cleanups efforts to help local wildlife. The Aquarium of the Pacific is one of the top aquariums in the nation and is ranked as one of the top 5 Los Angeles cultural attractions. The latest *Zagat U.S. Family Travel Guide* in 2004 rated the Aquarium of the Pacific as #2 Los Angeles area Family Destination. The Aquarium is open daily from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and is located at 100 Aquarium Way in Long Beach, Calif. For more information, the public may visit www.aquariumofpacific.org or call 562/590-3100.

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