

## **MEDIA FACT SHEET**

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### **Who**

**Neighborhood Health Plan (NHP)** is a licensed not-for-profit Managed Care Organization founded in 1986 by the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers and the Greater Boston Forum for Health Action. NHP is a trusted source of affordable comprehensive care for diverse communities, from individuals to government and local businesses across Massachusetts. It serves more than 240,000 members and employs over 400 full- and part-time staff. NHP is the only safety-net insurer servicing MassHealth, Commonwealth Care, and commercial populations.

**Partners HealthCare** is an integrated health system founded by Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital. In addition to its two academic medical centers, the Partners system includes community and specialty hospitals, community health centers, a physician network, home health and long-term care services, and other health-related entities. Partners cares for about 1.7 million patients a year and employs more than 60,000 people.

### **What**

Neighborhood Health Plan has actively sought a strategic partner to ensure that it is in the strongest position to further its mission, provide enhanced resources for community health centers and the underserved, and to continue on a path of sustained growth. NHP and Partners have signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) that would bring the two non-for-profit organizations together whereby Neighborhood Health Plan would become part of Partners HealthCare. NHP would continue to exist as a legal entity.

### **When**

Now that a Letter of Intent has been signed, the two organizations will enter a process of Due Diligence. Upon completion of that process there will be a regulatory approval process, which will include the Division of Insurance and the EOHHS as well as federal and state anti-trust reviews.

### **Why**

In today's health care environment there is an expectation that providers, hospitals, health insurers, and others are developing new relationships that will help to bend the health care cost curve, ensure the delivery of high quality care, improve the coordination of care and deliver value in health care benefits. Working together, these organizations will have the ability and flexibility to develop innovative patient and family centered models of care and craft new initiatives aimed at better managing care of complex conditions. Both NHP and Partners believe that combining the experience and expertise of both organizations will result in a stronger patient experience and address growing needs for care coordination and management, health equity, and the ability to help curb health care costs.

### **How**

As part of the Letter of Intent, NHP would affiliate with Partners to become a member of Partners HealthCare system, operating as a separate legal entity. At the completion of the agreement, Partners would make a significant commitment to fund a grant program to improve the infrastructure and expand programs for community health centers.