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NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH PLAN AND PARTNERS HEALTHCARE NAMES DOUGLAS THOMPSON TO NEW POST OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND VICE PRESIDENT OF PARTNERS POPULATION HEALTH FINANCE

Move reflects shared goals of NHP and Partners HealthCare to improve coordination of care and health outcomes

May 23, 2016 (BOSTON) — Neighborhood Health Plan (NHP) and Partners HealthCare announced they have appointed long-time health professional Douglas Thompson as NHP Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Partners Population Health Finance in a new position that highlights the shared goals of the affiliation.

Mr. Thompson will lead NHP’s Finance Department and Provider Network team. Reporting directly to NHP President and CEO David Segal and working closely with the NHP executive leadership team, Mr. Thompson will oversee financial operations of the health plan, including accounting, budgeting, long-range and capital planning, financial reporting, revenue and program integrity management, data and medical trend analytics, actuarial services, and underwriting.

Working with both Partners and NHP, Mr. Thompson will provide leadership on integration and advancement of new population health models, including payment mechanisms and investments, with the goal of keeping members and patients healthy by avoiding the need for emergency room visits or costly hospitalizations. The new hybrid position will allow Partners and NHP to leverage their partnership to develop more closely integrated and effective models of high-quality health care that are on the leading edge of cost-saving innovations.

Mr. Thompson’s dual responsibilities reflect changes in health care that require providers and insurers to share the financial risk for treatment outcomes as the industry evolves from a traditional fee-for-service payment system to an
alternative system based on defined budgets calculated to meet individual patient needs.

As interim CFO since November 2014, Mr. Thompson collaborated with NHP’s Clinical Department on medical savings initiatives that contributed to improving NHP’s financial performance.

“Doug is a consummate professional whose skill and experience was on display over the past year as he helped NHP navigate through a difficult financial period,” said NHP President and CEO David Segal. “His stewardship of our ambitious cost-control efforts helped to place NHP on stronger financial footing last year, and we look forward to benefiting from his continued leadership.”

“As health care evolves, providers and insurers are increasingly being asked to work differently — and to work together,” said Peter K. Markell, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer at Partners HealthCare. “Doug has the expertise to help integrate Partners’ efforts to reshape and improve patient care with NHP’s work to craft innovative payment models that keep costs inline.”

Mr. Thompson said he looks forward to integrating the experience, skill, perspectives, and infrastructure of a health plan like NHP with the talents and professionalism of a high-quality health care provider like Partners “so that, together, we can think proactively about keeping our members and patients healthy while successfully managing the financial risk the delivery system is now taking on.” He added, “I am passionate about furthering the mission of NHP and Partners by helping to lead the transition from volume to value.”

Mr. Thompson has over 25 years of leadership experience in finance within managed care and health care delivery settings, and the public sector. Prior to joining NHP, he served as Interim Chief Financial Officer for Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island. Mr. Thompson has also held senior leadership positions at Cambridge Health Alliance, Network Health, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Mr. Thompson holds a Bachelor’s degree from Boston University and a Masters in Public Policy from The John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He is also the founder of two companies focusing on non-profit, government, and health care financial strategies.
About Neighborhood Health Plan

Neighborhood Health Plan (NHP) is an NCQA-accredited, not-for-profit health plan that provides coverage to over 400,000 commercial and MassHealth members. For 30 years, employers, individuals, and families across Massachusetts have turned to NHP for health care coverage that is both high-quality and affordable. NHP is known for plans that are easy-to-understand and manage. Members have access to a robust network of top doctors, community health centers, and academic and regional hospitals. Founded in 1986 with a commitment to promote health equity for members within the diverse communities we serve, NHP’s service and care management programs today continue the tradition of personalized and high-quality care. NHP is a member of Partners HealthCare.

About Partners HealthCare

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, a managed care organization, community health centers, a physician network, home health and long-term care services, and other health-related entities. Partners is one of the nation’s leading biomedical research organizations and a principal teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School. Partners HealthCare is a non-profit organization.

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