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**Richard Ward joins Neighborhood Health Plan as
Vice President of Strategic Partnerships**

July 6, 2015 (BOSTON) – Neighborhood Health Plan (NHP) today announced it has appointed Richard Ward, a long-standing non-profit and business leader, as VP of Strategic Partnerships. Ward will manage the company's relationships with community health centers (CHCs) and community-based organizations and will oversee the Partnership for Community Health, a grant program of NHP and Partners HealthCare, in collaboration with the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, to support innovation in patient care.

"We are excited to have a leader like Richard with rich experience in philanthropy, community-based organizations and business strategy at the helm of our community partnerships program," said Dana Rashti, NHP's Chief Strategy and Marketing Officer. "There are so many opportunities for innovation and synergy based on common goals to remain competitive and efficient. Together, working with the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers and our CHC partners, we can pilot new models of population health for integrated care, as well as network and payment solutions."

Ward comes to NHP with deep strategic and business planning experience in the non-profit and philanthropy sectors. He has worked extensively with community foundations to build successful business models and strategies for a variety of constituencies. He has held leadership positions at The Boston Foundation, Brookline Community Foundation and the New England Center for Art and Technology, and was President of Verge Philanthropy Partners, a consulting firm specializing in strategic philanthropy and business planning.

"I look forward to building on NHP's legacy of strong relationships and helping to advance the organization's innovative goals around health equity and clinical care with its community partners," said Ward.

In addition to managing relationships with community health centers and community-based organizations, Ward will take a leadership role in overseeing NHP's Community Benefits and domestic violence prevention programs.

About NHP

Neighborhood Health Plan ([NHP](#)) is an NCQA-accredited, not-for-profit health plan that provides coverage to over 360,000 commercial and MassHealth members. For more than 25 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.

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