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Neighborhood Health Plan Receives Certification as a Qualified Health Plan and Approval for ConnectorCare

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September 12, 2013 (Boston) – Neighborhood Health Plan (NHP) was certified today as a Qualified Health Plan (QHP) and approved to offer ConnectorCare by the Massachusetts Health Connector (Health Connector), the state health care Marketplace, beginning January 1, 2014. The Health Connector approved NHP as one of seven insurers in the state to offer the new ConnectorCare plan.

ConnectorCare is designed to provide a combination of federal and state subsidies in order to offset the cost of health insurance. Residents qualify for ConnectorCare based on income and a lack of access to other forms of subsidized or affordable, comprehensive employer-sponsored health insurance. An enrollee is required to have an income under 300% of the Federal Poverty Level to qualify for the plan. NHP was approved because of its longstanding commitment to providing affordable care options for a diverse membership and its experience serving the subsidized marketplace.

"In 2006, NHP stood at the forefront of Massachusetts health reform in partnership with the Health Connector. Again, NHP is well-positioned to implement the provisions of the ACA while keeping coverage affordable for the diverse members we serve," said Deborah C. Enos, NHP President and CEO. "We are committed to another successful phase of reform in the Commonwealth by providing access to high-quality, culturally competent and affordable health care."

As a QHP, NHP is offering a range of high-quality and affordable health insurance options for individuals and small employers through the Health Connector. Qualified residents will be able to enroll in plans that are compliant with the Affordable Care Act when the open enrollment period begins on October 1, 2013. Coverage will begin on January 1, 2014.

With NHP, members get access to a large network of doctors and top hospitals and community health centers, effortless customer service and great wellness benefits — at a price they can afford. All plans will be offered through NHP's broad commercial network that gives members access to 68 hospitals, more than 4,100 primary care providers and over 13,400 specialists in 11 counties across Massachusetts. NHP's service area includes: Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Essex, Hampden, Middlesex, Nantucket, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, and Worcester.

About Neighborhood Health Plan

Neighborhood Health Plan (NHP), a Massachusetts-based not-for-profit corporation, is fully licensed by the Massachusetts Division of Insurance as a health maintenance organization and has provided comprehensive health services since 1986. An NCOA-accredited managed care organization, NHP serves MassHealth, Commonwealth Care, Commonwealth Choice, and fully insured commercial members across the Commonwealth. By working closely with the MassHealth program and commercial purchasers, and by partnering with community health centers and other providers, NHP grew rapidly from a few thousand members in the late 1980s to more than 260,000 members today throughout Massachusetts. Headquartered in Boston, NHP serves members who have access to a provider network of more than 4,100 primary care practitioners, over 13,400 specialists, and 68 teaching, community, and specialty hospitals. Our network includes nationally known, major academic medical centers such as Massachusetts General Hospital, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Children's Hospital Boston, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Tufts Medical Center, and major medical groups such as Atrius Health/Harvard Vanguard and Lahey Clinic. Neighborhood Health Plan is a member of Partners HealthCare, which was founded by Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital. For more information, visit www.nhp.org.

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