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**Neighborhood Health Plan Names Paulette Shaw Querner
To New Post of Chief Medicaid Officer**

Long-time Health Care Executive Will Promote Affordable Access for Diverse Populations

September 26, 2016 (BOSTON) – Neighborhood Health Plan (NHP) today named long-time health care executive Paulette Shaw Querner to the newly-created position of Chief Medicaid Officer.

Querner will provide innovative and strategic leadership in her role, guiding the evolution of NHP's core Medicaid business and providing oversight of the development of Accountable Care Organization partnerships critical in creating a sustainable and economically viable MassHealth program with better clinical outcomes for patients.

Nationally recognized as a leader in the community health movement, Querner has more than 40 years' experience in health care and nonprofit management and leadership. Most recently, Querner served as Vice President for Community Health Centers for Harbor Health Services, Inc., where she was responsible for 350 employees serving 27,000 culturally diverse patients in eight locations throughout Massachusetts.

Querner will report directly to NHP President and Chief Executive Officer David Segal.

"We are fortunate to have someone of Paulette Shaw Querner's caliber and experience join our executive team, who is uniquely equipped to help NHP deliver on our historic mission of serving vulnerable populations," said Segal.

"With her proven commitment to patient-centered care, Paulette has an appreciation of Medicaid's unique challenges and responsibilities, gained from her contributions to community health care over four decades, that can help us continue to provide access to high quality care and services to the diverse communities which we have served for 30 years," Segal added.

Prior to her new role, Querner was a member of the Board of Directors of both the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers and Neighborhood Health Plan.

In 2012, Querner was presented with the Aaron L. Brown Memorial Public Service Award by the National Association of Community Health Centers in recognition for her leadership in promoting community health.

About NHP

Neighborhood Health Plan ([NHP](#)) is an NCQA-accredited, not-for-profit health plan that provides coverage to over 430,000 commercial and MassHealth members. For more than 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.

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