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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Neighborhood Health Plan Adds to Growing Network of Providers** *New PPO Further Expands Flexibility and Out-of-Network Provider Options*

**October 19, 2017 (SOMERVILLE, MA)** – Neighborhood Health Plan (NHP), one of the fastest growing commercial health plans in Massachusetts, announced today it has partnered with several new providers that will join the company’s expanding network of more than 18,000 physicians and 74 hospitals. NHP’s network growth – with 750 primary care physicians and hundreds of new physicians and specialists added this year alone – is a key reason for its 55 percent increase in large group membership over the past three years.

In addition to these new providers, NHP also announced it is now offering a new Preferred Provider Organization (PPO), called “PPO Plus”, an insurance product ideal for mid- and large-size companies with a workforce spread among multiple regions or states looking for the highest-quality health care.

Joining NHP’s fast-growing network of providers are:

- Emerson PHO, which represents 300 providers offering adult and pediatric care to patients in towns in northeastern and southeastern Massachusetts.
- Charles River Medical Associates, which represents more than 75 providers operating in 15 locations in nine Metrowest communities. The group offers such specialties as internal medicine, pediatrics, family medicine, endocrinology, oncology, cardiology and gastroenterology.
- Acton Medical Associates, which represents more than 200 medical professionals offering adult and pediatric care at locations in Acton, Harvard, and Littleton.
- And 21 dermatologists in the Newton-Wellesley area.

“NHP is proud to add these new, comprehensive medical practices to our large and growing network of health care providers,” said Katie Catlender, NHP’s Chief Commercial Officer. “There is good reason NHP is among the fastest growing commercial insurance companies in the state. We listen to employers and individual customers alike who want high-quality and convenient coverage that’s customized to meet their particular needs. NHP has responded by constantly

recruiting new, local providers to our already robust network of world-class doctors and top hospitals.”

These additional providers further expand the access to high-quality health care NHP is able to offer members through PPO Plus, a new insurance product that allows subscribers to select care from NHP's own strong and growing network, as well as more than 900,000 providers across the nation.

“PPO Plus now makes it easy for Massachusetts-based employers, both large and small, to offer a single plan that meets the needs of a company’s entire workforce, whether employees all work in the Boston area or are spread throughout the state, the region, or the entire country,” said Vincent Capozzi, NHP’s Senior Vice President, Sales. “This new insurance product incorporates in one convenient package, which large employers can offer to a diverse and dispersed workforce, everything NHP has learned over the past 30 years about providing our customers with great value through affordable premiums, a strong network of local providers, and best-in-class customer service.”

PPO Plus is structured to allow employers, health insurance brokers, and individual customers simpler side-by-side comparisons on premiums and covered services with NHP’s existing HMO, so that employers can tailor a plan that meets their particular needs.

NHP is offering PPO Plus to mid- and large-sized employers, and to individual subscribers and smaller companies that currently get their coverage in the merged market, with an effective date of January 1, 2018.

### **About NHP**

Neighborhood Health Plan ([NHP](#)) is an NCQA-accredited, not-for-profit health plan that provides coverage to over 380,000 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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