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MAHP Announces New Board Officers

Eric H. Schultz, President & CEO of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Voted 2016 Board Chair

Boston, MA – At its recent annual meeting, the Massachusetts Association of Health Plans (MAHP) announced that Eric H. Schultz will serve as the association's chair beginning January 1, as well as the interim chair for the remainder of 2015 following the recent retirement of the association's chair, Patrick Hughes.

Schultz, who had been vice chair of MAHP, has served as president and CEO of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care since March 2010. Prior to joining Harvard Pilgrim, he served as president and CEO of Fallon Community Health Plan for 10 years, and also held executive positions with CIGNA Healthcare, where he oversaw plan operations for Eastern Missouri and Southern Illinois, and with Prudential Healthcare where he led its Nashville and Memphis commercial and Medicaid business. Schultz also served as Medical Group Administrator for Nashville Healthcare Group, and was responsible for building a clinical delivery site for Nashville's largest primary care group practice. Schultz serves on the boards of the Kenneth Schwartz Center, America's Health Insurance Plans, the New England Council, Worcester Regional Research Bureau and the Boy Scouts of America. He holds the rank of distinguished eagle scout.

"Eric is a highly accomplished and respected leader in our industry. Having served as the chair of our national trade association, as well as several business and health care organizations in the Commonwealth, he brings a thoughtful perspective on the issues facing the health care system," said Lora Pellegrini, president and CEO of MAHP. "The rising cost of health care, including increases in the cost of prescription drugs, changes in the delivery system and increases in the prices of services due to provider consolidation, and the impact of the Affordable Care Act, will challenge the ability for the Commonwealth to meet the cost benchmark. We are excited to have Eric chairing the association as we work to bend the cost trends and make health care more affordable for consumers, employers, and the state."

"The MAHP member plans have been doing their part to control costs. Collectively, the commercial health plans and the Medicaid Managed Care Organizations were below the state's cost benchmark last year, while also continuing to set the standard for clinical quality and member satisfaction as measured by independent accrediting organizations, such as the National Committee for Quality Assurance," said Schultz. "I am honored to chair the MAHP board and look forward to the work our industry is undertaking, individually and jointly, to make the health care system better, simpler and more cost effective."

Other officers for 2016 include:

Susan Coakley, President, BMC HealthNet Plan – Vice Chair
Maura McCaffrey, President & CEO, Health New England – Secretary
Bernadette Di Re, CEO, United Healthcare Community Plan of MA – Treasurer

About MAHP

The Massachusetts Association of Health Plans represents 17 health plans covering more than 2.6 million Massachusetts residents. It is dedicated to improving health for all in Massachusetts by promoting affordable, safe and coordinated health care.

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