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MAHP Announces New Board Chair

Thomas Crowell, President & CEO of Tufts Health Plan, Voted 2018 Board Chair

Boston, MA – At its recent annual meeting, the Massachusetts Association of Health Plans (MAHP) announced that Thomas Crowell, President and CEO of Tufts Health Plan, will serve as the association's chair beginning January 1. Crowell succeeds Eric Schultz, President and CEO of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, as the association's chair.

Crowell has served as president and CEO of Tufts Health Plan since January of 2016. He joined Tufts Health Plan in 2007 as chief operating officer and added the duties of president to his title and role in 2013. Prior to joining Tufts Health Plan, Crowell served as senior vice president of medical management and specialty businesses at CIGNA HealthCare. He also served as president of the insurer's dental, pharmacy and workers' compensation businesses, and led development of its consumer-directed health care products. Prior to his career at CIGNA, Crowell served in senior leadership roles at Prudential Insurance Company, including president of its western region and senior vice president of its individual insurance organization. He is a past member of the board of directors of the National Committee on Quality Assurance, and is a member of the board of directors of the Massachusetts/New Hampshire Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, the Network for Excellence in Health Innovation, the New England Council, Massachusetts Business Roundtable, RI Quality Institute and America's Health Insurance Plans.

"At a time of rapid change in the health care system, MAHP and its member plans are playing a critical role in efforts to control costs, improve quality, and drive innovation," said Crowell. "I am honored to chair the MAHP board and to continue the Association's efforts to promote high-quality, affordable care for Massachusetts employers and consumers."

"Tom is a highly accomplished and respected leader in our industry, who brings a thoughtful perspective on the issues facing the health care system," said Lora Pellegrini, president and CEO of MAHP. "While the state has made progress in meeting the health care cost benchmark, challenges remain in containing health care costs. We are excited to have Tom chairing the Association in our ongoing efforts to make health care more affordable for consumers, employers, and the state."

Other officers elected include: Susan Coakley, President, BMC HealthNet Plan as Vice Chair; Bernadette Di Re, CEO, United Healthcare Community Plan of MA as Treasurer; and Maura McCaffrey, President & CEO, Health New England as Secretary.

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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