Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Releases Statement on Governor Baker's Senate Testimony

BOSTON, Sept. 7, 2017 / PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- In response to Governor Charlie Baker's testimony before a Senate health committee today, Andrew Dreyfus, President & CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, released the following statement:



"We applaud Governor Baker for his commitment to working toward bipartisan solutions to create a high-quality, affordable, and sustainable health care system. Massachusetts has been a model for bipartisan collaboration since we passed our health care reform law in 2006. Since then, we've made historic progress in extending health insurance coverage across our state, which now has the lowest uninsured rate in the nation.

We support the Governor in his call to immediately stabilize health insurance markets, provide states with greater flexibility to innovate and develop solutions that work for them, and make care more affordable. As the state's leading private health plan, we've been strong advocates for making quality health care accessible and affordable, particularly through value-based payment models like our Alternative Quality Contract (AQC), which has been shown to significantly improve health care quality, outcomes, and cost.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts will continue to work with the governor, state legislature, our congressional delegation, other elected officials, and health care and business leaders to promote high-quality, affordable coverage for the people and employers of Massachusetts and the nation."

About Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (<u>bluecrossma.com</u>) is a community-focused, tax-paying, not–for–profit health plan headquartered in Boston. We're the trusted health plan for more than 25,000Massachusetts employers and are committed to working with others in a spirit of shared responsibility to make quality health care affordable. Consistent with our corporate promise to always put our 2.8 million members first, we're rated among the nation's best health plans for member satisfaction and quality. Connect with us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>YouTube</u>, and <u>LinkedIn</u>.

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