Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Statement On Senate Leadership's Plan To Repeal The Affordable Care Act

BOSTON, July 18, 2017 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Andrew Dreyfus, President & CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, released the following statement today:

"We oppose any effort that seeks to repeal the Affordable Care Act but delays meaningful action to stabilize health insurance markets, make care more affordable, and sustain the significant coverage gains that have been made over the past decade.

The United States Senate is now reportedly considering legislation it passed in 2015 but was vetoed by then-President Obama. In its review of the bill, the Congressional Budget Office concluded that, if enacted, tens of millions of Americans would lose their health insurance and premiums in the individual insurance market would skyrocket.



We do not believe this approach is in the best interest of our customers, our state, or our nation.

Now is the time for our elected leaders to come together in a bipartisan spirit to improve the Affordable Care Act by stabilizing insurance markets in the short term while working toward permanent solutions that will achieve our shared goal of a high-quality, affordable, and stable health care system."

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 25,000 Massachusetts 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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