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Joint Statement of BCBSMA, Tufts Medical Center and New England Quality Care Alliance (NEQCA)

We have reached agreement on a new contract. We are pleased there will be no disruption for our patients and members. Tufts Medical Center and its affiliate physicians have agreed to join Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts' new Alternative Quality Contract which is designed to improve care and moderate costs. Today's agreement is another example of how our community can achieve quality care for patients and fair payments to providers while addressing the problem of steeply rising health care costs. This partnership also provides an outstanding opportunity to work with one of the country's leading medical schools, Tufts University School of Medicine, to train tomorrow's physicians on the most effective and efficient ways to deliver high-quality medicine.

We have agreed to not discuss the specific terms of the agreement.

Statement of Cleve Killingsworth, CEO, BCBSMA

We thank our members for their patience and understanding. We are pleased that Tufts Medical Center and its affiliated physicians have agreed to partner with us on the Alternative Quality Contract. The more the health care system can move to alternative payment agreements like this one, the greater opportunity we have to sustain the promise of health reform and achieve affordability for patients, employers, and the community at large.

Statement of Ellen Zane, President and CEO, Tufts Medical Center

For more than 200 years Tufts Medical Center has been at the forefront of improving health care. We welcome this opportunity to partner with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts to be leaders in making world-class health care more cost-effective. We are extremely pleased that there will be no interruption in care for our patients and that our physicians can continue to focus on their patients' needs. We thank our patients and their families for their patience and support.