



Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation Announces Resignation of President Jarrett T. Barrios

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JUNE 17, 2009 — Today the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation announced the resignation of Jarrett T. Barrios as president of the Foundation. Barrios will leave the Foundation in September to become president of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, a New York- and Los Angeles-based not-for profit organization that works for the full equality of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people through media advocacy.

Barrios was named President of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation in 2007. Under his leadership, the Foundation launched Care Beyond Coverage, a multi-year policy initiative to identify non-insurance related barriers to health care access, and the Community Partnerships Leaders Program, a seminar series for emerging leaders working in health access.

“Jarrett has been a strong leader for the Foundation in this transition period from the enactment of health care reform in 2006 to the present where we continue to work to find ways to expand access to health care for the Commonwealth’s low-income and vulnerable populations,” said Philip W. Johnston, Chairman of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation Board of Directors.

More About The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation

The mission of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation is to expand access to health care. Through grants and policy initiatives, the Foundation works with public and private organizations to broaden health coverage and reduce barriers to care. It focuses on developing measurable and sustainable solutions that benefit uninsured, vulnerable and low-income individuals and families in the Commonwealth, and served as a catalyst for the pioneering Massachusetts health care reform law passed in 2006. The Foundation was founded in 2001 with an initial endowment of \$55 million from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. The Foundation operates separately from the company and is governed by its own 18-member Board of Directors. It is one of the largest private health philanthropies in New England and in 2007 was awarded the Paul Ylvisaker Award for Public Policy Engagement by the Council on Foundations.