



The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation Mourns the Loss of Senator Kennedy

AUGUST 27, 2009 — The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation mourns the passing of U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy. Kennedy, a tireless champion for health care reform, improved countless lives with his advocacy for access to care. Here in Massachusetts, Kennedy was a critical partner with the many stakeholders in government, business, consumer advocacy, care delivery, philanthropy, and academia who contributed to the state's 2006 health care reform law. His legacy will live in the future we are working to create — one in which every individual has access to quality care when and where it's needed.

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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.