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## **ROBERT (BOBBY) NEALL APPOINTED CEO OF PRIORITY PARTNERS MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION**

Former Maryland Senator Robert R. (Bobby) Neall has been selected to head Priority Partners, Inc., a managed care organization for medical assistance beneficiaries owned by the Maryland Community Health System and Johns Hopkins HealthCare LLC.

Neall has had a long and distinguished public service career. He was a Maryland State Senator from 1996 to 2003 and was County Executive for Anne Arundel County from 1990 to 1994. From 1987 to 1990, he served as a member of the Maryland Transportation Authority while also chairing the Governor's Drug and Alcohol Commission from 1988 to 1990. From 1975 to 1987, Neall was a member of the Maryland House of Delegates. Most recently, he served as financial advisor to the Baltimore City Public School System from October 2003 to March 2004, assisting that system through ongoing financial difficulties.

"We are delighted to have someone of Bobby's stature and experience assume this very important position," said Joanne Pollak, Esq., co-chair of the Priority Partners board and vice president and general counsel of Johns Hopkins Medicine. "We are confident that he will apply his wealth of experience and great executive skills to ensure that many of Maryland's most vulnerable patients continue to receive top quality health care through Priority Partners."

Mark Langlais, co-chair of the Priority Partners board, executive director of Community Clinic, Inc. and treasurer of Maryland Community Health System, added: "Bobby's sound working knowledge of the Maryland legislative process and the State budget will be a significant asset to Priority Partners as we work with the State, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and other Medicaid managed care companies to assure appropriate levels of funding for the Medicaid program going forward."

In addition to his public service, Neall has held several executive positions with Johns Hopkins. He served as Vice President for Government Affairs for the Johns Hopkins Health System from 1987 to 1988, and Vice President for Development and External Affairs from 1988 to 1990. More recently, from 1997 to 1998 Neall served as director of marketing for Employer Health Plans (EHP), a Hopkins-owned third party administrator of health benefit plans on behalf of self-insured employer groups, including Johns Hopkins. In 1999, Neall was appointed director of finance for the Johns Hopkins Health System, a position he held until his appointment as CEO of Priority Partners. Further, Neall was a commercial banker with Mercantile Bankshares Corporation from 1982 to 1986 and general manager of his family's retail business, Davidsonville Supply Company, from 1969 to 1982.

Priority Partners is a statewide organization, with over 117,000 Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in its program. Established in 1997, Priority Partners is a joint venture between Johns Hopkins HealthCare LLC, the managed care and insurance contracting arm of Johns Hopkins Medicine, and the Maryland Community Health System, a network of 8 federally qualified community health centers operating 49 health care delivery sites and serving 102,863 patients across the State. This partnership reflects its owners' commitment to their respective missions of providing health care to the sick and injured, regardless of the patient's financial status. In addition to assuring delivery of quality health care through its network of over 9,000 providers, Priority Partners is on the cutting edge of disease management and care management interventions, assuring quality and cost-effective health care to the chronically ill who are eligible for the State's Medicaid Program.