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Turning 15, Massachusetts Health Quality Partners Honors Newhouse, Turnbull and Berman

Cambridge, Mass. – Three of the state's most accomplished health policy leaders will be recognized for their contributions to the advancement of health care quality as Massachusetts Health Quality Partners (MHQP) celebrates its fifteenth anniversary on June 7, 2010, at The Charles Hotel in Cambridge.

According to MHQP executive director, Barbra Rabson, 300 people are expected to attend a reception and dinner honoring Joseph Newhouse, Nancy Turnbull, and Harris Berman, who were the organization's first three board chairs. Many leading healthcare organizations and MHQP partners have pledged their support for this celebration. "We have received an outpouring of sponsorship honoring the contributions of these three leaders. It has been very affirming," says Ms. Rabson.

MHQP was founded in 1995 by a group of health care, business, and community leaders who were dedicated to promoting measurable improvements in the quality of health care services in Massachusetts. Today, MHQP is nationally recognized for its breakthrough work in producing and reporting performance data on clinical quality and the patient experience. Many providers use MHQP data to plan and track the progress of their quality improvement initiatives, and MHQP's Web-based reports, at mhqp.org, give consumers unprecedented tools for comparing hundreds of primary care practices across the state.

More on the honorees:

Joseph P. Newhouse, PhD, who was the founding chairman of Massachusetts Health Quality Partners, is the John D. MacArthur Professor of Health Policy and Management at Harvard University and a member of the faculties of the John F. Kennedy School of Government, the Harvard Medical School, the Harvard School of Public Health, and the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. He is editor of the *Journal of Health Economics* and a member of the editorial board of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Nancy Turnbull, MPH, is a senior lecturer in the Department of Health Policy and Management and the Associate Dean for Educational Programs at the Harvard School of Public Health. She has served as the president of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation and as First Deputy Commissioner for Health Policy at the Massachusetts Division of Insurance. She is on the boards of the Massachusetts Health Insurance Connector Authority, the Commonwealth Care Alliance, the Massachusetts Health Policy Forum, and the Massachusetts Health Council.

Harris A. Berman, MD, is Dean ad interim and Professor of Public Health and Community Medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine. Prior to coming to the medical school, he was a pioneer in the development of managed care in New England. He co-founded the Matthew Thornton Health Plan in Nashua, NH, and for 17 years, he served as CEO of the Tufts Health Plan. Currently, he is a director of the Tufts Health Care Institute, New England Healthcare Institute, and Hebrew Senior Life, and he is a commissioner of the Massachusetts Group Insurance Commission.

MHQP's current board chair is Stanley Hochberg, MD, Chief Medical Officer at Boston Medical Center HealthNet Plan. The evening's master of ceremonies will be Dr. Stuart Altman, a nationally recognized expert in health care economics and policy, health care reform and Medicare, who is Sol C. Chaikin Professor of National Health Policy at Brandeis University's Heller School.

Reception at 5:30 pm; dinner and program begin at 6:30 pm, The Charles Hotel, Monday, June 7, 2010.