

Elizabeth McClaine Named to Modern Healthcare's Top 25 Emerging Leaders List

*McClaine is Vice President of Commercial Products for
Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island*

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Chicago, IL – Elizabeth “Liz” McClaine, vice president of commercial products for Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island (Neighborhood), is among Modern Healthcare’s 2021 class of Top 25 Emerging Leaders. Modern Healthcare, the leader in healthcare business news, research and data, annually honors emerging leaders all age 40 or under, who have made significant contributions in the areas of innovation and financial, operational and clinical excellence early in their careers.

“The roller-coaster ride of the COVID-19 pandemic—now more than 18 months long and counting—has tested leaders in all sectors of the healthcare industry and at all levels. The men and women who make up this year’s class of the Top 25 Emerging Leaders have certainly risen to the challenges. Even in their young careers, many have impressive track records of innovation and accomplishment predating the pandemic,” noted Modern Healthcare editor, Aurora Aguilar.

“The profiles of this year’s honorees, all age 40 or under, display the breadth of diversity and talent in this generation of healthcare leadership. Congratulations to all.”

McClaine is one of 25 leaders from across the country whose profiles earned them a seat in this year’s list of honorees. Since joining Neighborhood in 2012, McClaine has held various roles with progressively increasing responsibilities and has helped establish the organization as the leading insurer for on-exchange individual and small group products in Rhode Island. In her current role, she is responsible for the strategic vision of the commercial product portfolio, including benefit offerings, plan design, and rate components to achieve financial and organizational goals. Additionally, she spearheads member benefits and payment policy for all lines of business including Commercial, Medicaid and Medicare-Medicaid.

In 2014, Neighborhood’s market penetration was 3.0% and today – in large part due to McClaine’s leadership – stands at 76.0% with a year-to-year retention rate of 80.0%. McClaine is also developing Neighborhood’s strategy to expand its portfolio of Commercial products as well as new benefits for members, and has been instrumental during the COVID-19 pandemic in Neighborhood’s efforts to meet the needs of its members and provider network.

“Liz’s tireless leadership is focused on ensuring members have access to high quality, affordable care and that providers have the necessary resources to improve health outcomes,” said Peter Marino, president and CEO of Neighborhood. “Liz is truly a leader who is committed to the communities we serve and brings her best every day to help solve very complex problems. Neighborhood is fortunate to have Liz on the team and we are so pleased that she has received well deserved recognition by Modern Healthcare as a Top 25 Emerging Leader.”

McClaine also serves as the liaison with state and federal agencies to ensure all executive orders and directives are implemented, and leads an internal triage team to ensure all urgent matters are addressed in a timely manner. Additionally, she is helping Neighborhood implement a new state law related to telemedicine and serving on a local foundation committee to distribute COVID relief funds to behavioral health agencies.

McClaine resides in Moosup, Connecticut.

This year's Top 25 Emerging Leaders honorees are profiled in the October 4 issue of MH magazine and online at ModernHealthcare.com/top-emergingleaders.

ABOUT NEIGHBORHOOD:

Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island (Neighborhood) is a not-for-profit health maintenance organization (HMO) founded in December 1993 in partnership with Rhode Island's Community Health Centers to ensure everyone in the state has access to high quality, cost-effective health care. Neighborhood serves over 217,000 members in the state with 81 percent of its membership Medicaid eligible through its ACCESS and TRUST plans and 6 percent of its membership utilizing Neighborhood's INTEGRITY Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP). About 13 percent of Neighborhood's members are individuals, families and small businesses who select one of eight Neighborhood commercial plans available through the health exchange, HealthSource RI. Of these members, about 85 percent qualify for federal subsidies to cover a portion of their costs. Today, Neighborhood—with over 600 employees and \$1.4 billion in revenue—serves one out of every five Rhode Islanders. Learn more at nhpri.org.

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