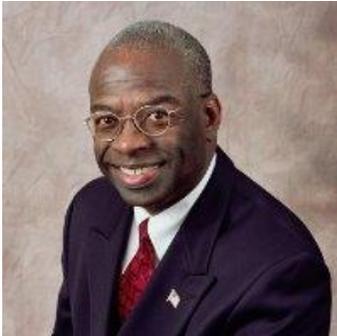


Insurance Industry Veteran Jesse Thomas Selected New CEO of InHealth Mutual, Ohio's Only Health Care Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan



COLUMBUS, OH, September 10, 2013—InHealth Mutual, Ohio's only health care consumer operated and oriented plan (CO-OP), is pleased to announce its board of directors has named health care and insurance industry veteran Jesse Thomas as new Chief Executive Officer.

With more than 30 years of relevant business, insurance, healthcare and public service experience, Thomas takes the helm at InHealth Mutual October 1, 2013. His deep expertise includes business expansion, strategic planning, public policy and community advocacy. Most recently, he served as president of WellCare Health Plans South Division in Atlanta, GA, where he led plan presidents in GA, KY and SC and oversaw a \$3 billion budget, more than 900,000 members, 500 employees, and numerous contracted providers and hospitals.

"Thomas is a capable leader with a profound vision for the future of health care that aligns precisely with InHealth's mission," said Barbara Freeman, MD, chair of the board of directors, InHealth. "His demonstrated inspirational, unwavering commitment to serving underserved communities and his track record for improving health systems nationwide give our board confidence that InHealth will achieve its charge, grow and succeed under his qualified leadership."

Widely respected as a progressive and tireless champion of innovatively advancing health care reform, Thomas served as Chief/Administrator in the Office of Healthcare Purchasing for the Illinois Department of Health and Family Services where he led the implementation of an Executive Order to consolidate the healthcare procurement function of the departments of Central Management Services, Corrections, Human Services, and Veterans Affairs. As such, he was responsible for \$3 billion in healthcare procurement for more than 440,000 Illinois residents. In addition, he held leadership positions with Molina, UnitedHealthcare, Colorado Access, HealthPlans of America, Blue Cross Blue Shield and Humana among others.

"Leaving a legacy in one's career matters. Healthcare CO-OPs like InHealth Mutual are of, for and by the people—inherently linked to the spirit of our founding fathers," said Thomas. "I've dedicated my career to improving the health and quality of life for vulnerable and underserved persons through better healthcare access, educational choice and community outreach; I am truly honored to lead InHealth Mutual because I know we can have an impact in changing the health care industry for the better."

Active in his communities, Thomas has served on numerous boards and committees around the country. While in Michigan from 2008-2010, he served with Detroit Area Agency on Aging and Greater Detroit National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence. Further, he served with LifeSkills Charter Schools in North and South Columbus, OH and Denver, CO among others. Currently, he serves on the board of Go Build Georgia Education Foundation for the Workforce Development Agency, and on the board of advisors of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. Politically active, Thomas was the healthcare policy advisor to Rick Snyder during his 2010 Michigan Gubernatorial run; and he was himself a candidate/nominee for the U.S. Congress in 2000 on healthcare and education reform.

With a Bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois, Thomas completed graduate studies in management and accounting at Eastern Michigan University and at the Master's candidate level in psychology at Houston Baptist University.

Thomas succeeds interim CEO Briggs Hamor, who will remain with InHealth Mutual as Chief Operating Officer, providing operational guidance for the newly created insurance CO-OP.

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About InHealth Mutual:

InHealth Mutual is a nonprofit CO-OP – a consumer operated and oriented plan – built for members by members to provide quality, affordable health insurance that is responsive to the needs and wants of all Ohioans. Given its nonprofit status and focus on individuals and small businesses, its governing board of directors will include members (policy holders) after the initial start-up period and profits will be used to enhance benefits or lower premiums. Being accountable to members versus stockholders is a paradigm shift InHealth believes will result in better health insurance for the people it covers. For more information, visit www.inhealthohio.org.

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