



InHealth Mutual, Ohio's Only Health Insurance CO-OP, Seeks Members to Join Operational Board of Directors for 2016

Five spots are open to be filled by members through an election process

Westerville, Ohio, July 15, 2015—InHealth Mutual, Ohio's only health insurance CO-OP is accepting nominations now through August 31, 2015 from its membership for five new 2016 Operational Board seats.

As a nonprofit Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) and mutual insurance company, InHealth is designed to be different. Members have a hand in the governance of InHealth through its Operational Board of Directors.

Currently, InHealth operates under guidance from its Foundational Board of Directors, three peer-elected Transitional Board members, and corporate administration. The 2015 election process to fill the five new 2016 Operational Board seats will result in 51% member Board governance. The five new elected members' three-year terms will begin January 1, 2016.

To be considered, individuals must be members with InHealth, at least 18 years of age and can be self- or otherwise nominated, qualified and determined eligible to appear on the ballot for the upcoming election. Election information and the nomination form is available on the InHealth web site at: <http://www.inhealthohio.org/about-us/governance>. The nomination form includes both specific and broad questions to better assess qualifications and experience necessary for board service. All qualified nominees will be screened and interviewed by the Nominating Committee and a background check and drug test will be performed. Interviews of select nominees will take place at InHealth's headquarters just outside Columbus in Westerville, Ohio. Thereafter, the Board will arrive at a final slate to be presented for the election and voted on by InHealth members who are at least 18 years of age beginning October 30, 2015. The five new Board members will be announced at the Annual Meeting of the Members scheduled for December 12, 2015.

InHealth Mutual is Ohio's only health insurance CO-OP with a mission to provide quality, affordable health insurance that is responsive to the needs and wants of all Ohioans. CO-OPs were established by the Affordable Care Act (Section 1322) to foster the creation of consumer-governed nonprofit health plans. There are 22 CO-OPs nationwide. According to the National Alliance of State Health CO-OPs, in 2015, at the close of open enrollment, collectively CO-OPs signed up over 1,000,000 members. States with a CO-OP had premium rates that were, on average, about 8-9% lower than states without. Further, CO-OPs offered the most products among all new insurance companies in the Marketplaces. And, they offered 37% of the lowest priced plans in the states in which they operated. Moreover, CO-OPs were the most likely of all insurers to have plans within 10% of the lowest-priced option. Consumers interested in learning more about InHealth Mutual can visit www.inhealthohio.org.

About InHealth Mutual

InHealth Mutual is a nonprofit insurer – a consumer operated and oriented plan (CO-OP) – built for members by members to provide quality, affordable health insurance that is responsive to the needs and wants of all Ohioans. It is different from the traditional insurers given its nonprofit status and focus on individuals and small businesses which manifests in an operational Board of Directors that includes 51% members by the beginning of 2016. In addition, profits are used to lower the cost of care, enhance benefits or decrease premiums. Being accountable to members versus stockholders is a paradigm shift InHealth believes will result in better health insurance for the people it covers. InHealth offers insurance products to individuals, small businesses and groups through brokers and private exchanges as well as on the Health Insurance Marketplace (Exchange). **InHealth Mutual is a trade name of Coordinated Health Mutual, Inc.** For more information, visit www.inhealthohio.org.

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