

Daniel J. Hilferty
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Daniel J. Hilferty is chief executive officer of Independence Health Group, parent of Independence Blue Cross, one of the nation's leading health insurers. Since Mr. Hilferty became CEO in 2010, the company has tripled in size, expanding through its affiliates and serving nearly 8 million people nationwide.

Mr. Hilferty's vision for Independence is to lead the transformation of health care in the five southeast Pennsylvania counties, which includes Philadelphia. He constantly seeks innovative technologies and new models of care that will increase the quality and lower the cost of care for the company's customers and members.

He led the creation of the Independence Blue Cross Center for Health Care Innovation; launched Tandigm Health, a unique venture that arms primary care physicians with the tools and data needed to better manage chronic conditions and deliver more personalized care; and established Quil, a joint venture with Comcast NBCUniversal, dedicated to revolutionizing the consumer experience in health care.

Mr. Hilferty has built business collaborations with world-renowned institutions such as the University of Pennsylvania, to foster innovation in health care, and partnered with Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans and other leaders in health care to build dynamic health care companies, including AmeriHealth Caritas, one of the country's largest Medicaid managed care companies.

Mr. Hilferty is a sought-after speaker on leadership, transforming health care, and the role of technology and big data. He has appeared on MSNBC, Fox Business Network, CNN, and in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and other national media. He is among a select group of nonpartisan health care leaders called upon by government leaders for advice on health care reform.

Mr. Hilferty is the chairman of the board of directors for the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia, and he serves on the executive committee of America's Health Insurance Plans. In addition, Mr. Hilferty is a member of the boards of directors for Aqua America, where he is also the lead independent director, and FS Investment Corporation III. He is the immediate past chairman of the board of directors of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, which represents Blue plans covering 106 million Americans. In 2015, he served as co-chair on the executive leadership cabinet of the World Meeting of Families which brought Pope Francis to Philadelphia.

Mr. Hilferty earned his undergraduate degree from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and then served in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps running a community center in Portland, Oregon. After earning a master's degree in public administration from American University, he returned to the Philadelphia area where he lives with his wife, Joan. The couple has five children and three grandchildren. ■