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Gregory E. Deavens

President and Chief Executive Officer Independence Health Group

Gregory E. Deavens, CPA*, CGMA, is president and chief executive officer for Independence Health Group (Independence), parent of Independence Blue Cross, one of the nation's leading health insurers.

Under his leadership, Independence has been committed to advancing equitable, whole-person health care. This includes an emphasis on reducing racial and economic health inequities and integrating physical and behavioral health care. The organization also has focused on partnerships dedicated to reducing the cost of medications for the benefit of members and employer customers.

Mr. Deavens has been named to *Savoy* magazine's Most Influential Black Executives in Corporate America, *Philadelphia* magazine's Most Influential People in Philadelphia, and *Modern Healthcare*'s 100 Most Influential People in Healthcare, among other honors. He also received the Excellence in Governance award from *Modern Healthcare* in recognition of his contributions as chair of the board of directors for Hartford HealthCare from June 2020 to June 2023.

He assumed the role of CEO at Independence in January 2021. Mr. Deavens joined the company in 2017 as executive vice president, chief financial officer, and treasurer. Prior to that, he held senior financial roles at MassMutual, NY Life, Cigna, and GE Capital. He began his career in public accounting with Price Waterhouse, where he specialized in financial services while working in the firm's New York, London, and St. Louis offices.

Mr. Deavens serves on the boards of Alegeus Technologies, America's Health Insurance Plans, BCS Financial Corporation, the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia, Hartford HealthCare, National Institute for Health Care Management, and Quartet Health. He also is on advisory boards for PNC Bank (Philadelphia Region) and Town Hall Ventures. As part of his responsibilities at Independence, he serves on the boards of Independence Health Group and its subsidiaries. In addition, Mr. Deavens serves as trustee of the Barnes Foundation, on the board of directors of the African American Museum in Philadelphia, and as an honorary trustee of the Amistad Center for Art & Culture. He also served on the transition leadership board of Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro.

He is a certified public accountant (CPA inactive)* and a member of the Executive Leadership Council, the National Association of Corporate Directors, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Mr. Deavens holds a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Florida A&M University. He and his wife, Beverly, have three adult children.



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Chellie Cameron

***President and Chief Executive Officer
The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia***

Rochelle (“Chellie”) L. Cameron is the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia, representing over 600,000 employees across 11 counties. Under Chellie’s leadership, the Chamber drives impact and business growth in the Greater Philadelphia region. The Chamber works to amplify the impact of business in the region, advocate for a more competitive business climate, and grow a vibrant and diverse business community.

Previously, Chellie served as CEO for the City of Philadelphia’s Department of Aviation, including both Philadelphia International and the Northeast Philadelphia Airports. As CEO of the airports, Chellie was the city’s chief aviation representative in local, state, national, and international affairs. She was responsible for the operation of the airport system, and directed the planning, development, and administration of all airport activities during her tenure.

Chellie served on Philadelphia’s aviation leadership team for 11 years, including 6 ½ years as CEO. Prior to these roles, she spent 13 years working for the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and served for seven years as an active-duty officer in the United States Air Force and one year as an Air Force civilian employee. She completed her military service in 1998 as an active-duty Captain.

Chellie represents the Chamber on the Boards of Directors for the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation, the University City Science Center, the World Trade Center of Greater Philadelphia, and the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau. She is the former Chair of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia’s Economic and Community Advisory Council and served on other international, national, and local boards and advisory groups.

Chellie has received recognition as a collaborative and inclusive leader. Most recently, she was included in Philadelphia Magazine’s “150 Most Influential Philadelphians” list, the Philadelphia Business Journal’s 2024 “Power 100” list, and City & State PA’s 2022 “Philly Power 100” and 2023 “Power of Diversity” lists.

Chellie holds a B.A. from the University of Notre Dame in Government with a special concentration in economics and philosophy, and an M.B.A. from Auburn University at Montgomery. She is a Certified Public Accountant in the Commonwealths of Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Upcoming Events

Women Changing the City

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

City Winery Philadelphia

990 Filbert Street

\$35 for Members, \$65 for Guests

Happy Hour Breakfast

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Center City Film & Video

1635 Market Street, 19th Floor, Philadelphia

\$20 for Members, \$35 for Guests

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