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Maureen Bisognano Joins Commonwealth Fund Board of Directors

New York, NY, July 18, 2011—Maureen Bisognano, president and chief executive officer of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), and a leading authority on improving health care systems, has been elected to the Commonwealth Fund Board of Directors, effective immediately.

IHI (www.IHI.org) is an independent not-for-profit organization that works with health care providers and leaders throughout the world to achieve safe and effective health care. IHI focuses on motivating and building the will for change, identifying and testing new models of care in partnership with both patients and health care professionals, and ensuring the broadest possible adoption of best practices and effective innovations. Based in Cambridge, Mass., IHI mobilizes teams, organizations and, increasingly, nations, through its staff of more than 100 people and partnerships with hundreds of faculty around the world. Bisognano was IHI's executive vice president and chief operating officer for 15 years before being named president and CEO of the organization in 2010.

“Maureen Bisognano brings to the Commonwealth Fund Board a wealth of knowledge about the elements of a high performance health system and how to achieve it,” said Board Chairman James R. Tallon, Jr., who is also president of the United Hospital Fund of New York. “Her dedication to improving health care will be a valuable asset to the Fund as it works to help ensure that the Affordable Care Act is well implemented to attain the goal of access to high quality health care for all Americans.”

Bisognano is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine and a member of the Commonwealth Fund Commission on a High Performance Health System. She advises health care leaders around the world, and speaks frequently on quality improvement at major conferences. She is also an instructor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and a research associate in the Brigham and Women's Hospital Division of Social Medicine and Health Inequalities.

“Maureen Bisognano has faced the challenges of transforming health care delivery systems,” said Commonwealth Fund President Karen Davis. “She will bring practical insight into the innovations needed to implement the reforms of the Affordable Care Act and move our health care system from one that is fragmented and inefficient, to one that is well-coordinated and efficient for patients and providers.”

The Commonwealth Fund is a private foundation supporting independent research on health policy reform and a high performance health system.