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FirstCare CEO Named Chair of Health Plans Board

Darnell Dent selected as Board Chair of Texas Association of Community Health Plans (TACHP)

AUSTIN, Texas (February 12, 2018) – Effective January 2018, the Board of the [Texas Association of Community Health Plans \(TACHP\)](#) selected [FirstCare Health Plans](#) President and CEO Darnell Dent as its Chair for 2018. In this capacity, Dent will provide leadership to TACHP’s 12 Texas-based companies that collectively serve over two million Texans and are committed to supporting and improving the health needs of people living at low and moderate incomes.

“Darnell is highly regarded in the health care industry for his business expertise and the calming influence he brings to situations. People listen to what Darnell has to say. He gives his time for professional mentorship of others but is also open to new ideas from his peers,” said TACHP President and CEO Kay Ghahremani. “TACHP is fortunate to have him serving in this top leadership role.”

Dent will work closely with recently appointed Board Vice-Chair Frank Dominguez, CEO for El Paso Health, to lead the board in advocating for Texas health care consumers and providers and highlighting ways to improve the quality of health care for all parties involved. Among TACHP’s objectives in 2018 are to create awareness and enhance the profile of community health plans, promote the Texas Medicaid Program for its quality, innovation and cost efficiency amongst providers and members, and advance its deep commitment to the health care of local residents and long-standing community partners.

“I am honored to serve TACHP and its member plans as the Board Chair for 2018,” said Dent. “TACHP’s commitment to Texas-based health plans, and to the members in our communities, will help raise awareness and reach of higher standards for health care to all Texans, particularly those earning modest household incomes.”

About FirstCare Health Plans

Our mission is to provide access to high quality, affordable health care through strong partnerships in the communities we serve. Since 1985, we’ve been serving the health care needs of members across North, West, and Central Texas. Today, our service area includes 143 counties, with local offices in Abilene, Amarillo, Lubbock, and corporate offices in Austin, Texas. We offer a wide range of HMO, PPO, HSA, and ASO products through a variety of programs, including small and large employer plans; state, federal and teacher plans; government programs; and the Health Insurance Marketplace. With the support of our owners, Covenant Health in Lubbock and Hendrick Health System in Abilene, we serve over 170,000 members. For more information, please visit [FirstCare.com](#).