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MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE AND CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER NAMED CIO 100 FOR THIRD TIME

(BALTIMORE) — The Maryland Health Benefit Exchange has been selected as one of the 2021 CIO 100 award winners by International Data Group Inc. The award celebrates the top 100 organizations and the teams within them who are using information technology in innovative ways to deliver business value. For the third year in a row, the MHBE IT department, led by the Chief Information Officer Venkat Koshanam, was named by a panel of industry judges for Boston-based IDG. The award will be presented virtually during the CIO 100 Symposium and Awards Ceremony in August.

“We are honored to have an inspiring leader driving our technology forward at such a crucial time in health care,” said Michele Eberle, executive director of Maryland Health Benefit Exchange. “The agency’s success is reflected in the many advancements we have made, including our mobile app, chatbot and other firsts in our industry.”

The award highlights the agile and important work the agency has done in the last year to get more Marylanders access to affordable health coverage.

“While this year has brought many new challenges, MHBE has only become more dedicated, focused and nimble at execution, and I’m honored to be part of such an amazing organization,” Koshanam said.

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[Maryland Health Benefit Exchange](#) (MHBE), a public corporation and independent unit of state government established in 2011, administers Maryland Health Connection.

[Maryland Health Connection](#) (MHC) is the state-based marketplace for Marylanders to shop and enroll in health insurance, as well as determine eligibility for Medicaid and other assistance programs. It is the only place where Marylanders can access financial help such as tax credits to make coverage more affordable.