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Michele Eberle, executive director of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, to retire

BALTIMORE, Md. (Feb. 23, 2026) – Michele Eberle, the longest-serving executive director of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (MHBE), will retire on June 30, 2026. “It has been my honor and pleasure to serve Maryland in this capacity, and I am very proud of what my team has accomplished over the last ten years,” Eberle said.

Under Michele’s leadership, the Reinsurance, Young Adult Subsidy, and State Premium Assistance affordability programs were established, providing Marylanders with some of the lowest individual market premiums in the nation and ensuring long-term stabilization of Maryland’s individual insurance market.

Record marketplace enrollment growth has been achieved through innovative initiatives and advances in technology. The Easy Enrollment program, the first in the nation, allows Marylanders to enroll in health insurance when they file state taxes. Under Eberle’s leadership, Marylanders can enroll in Medicaid through a mobile app. “I am most proud of the impact we have made reducing coverage disparities in our Black, Hispanic and young adult communities through our focused efforts and partnerships,” she said.

The MHBE Board of Trustees will initiate a nationwide search for Michele’s successor through an executive search firm. “Maryland is frequently positioned as a high-performing ACA state marketplace, recognized for strong Medicaid redetermination performance nationally and looked to as a policy model for other state exchanges,” said Meena Seshamani, board chair of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange. “We are grateful for Michele’s significant contributions during her time as executive director. The strength of the agency, the marketplace, and her staff is a testament to her leadership.”

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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 official 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.

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