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**Regence Announces Executive Change**

Portland, OR – The Regence Group announced today that Mary McWilliams, president of Regence BlueShield and Asuris Northwest Health in Washington, is leaving the company to lead the Puget Sound Health Alliance, a nationally-recognized health care community collaborative based in Seattle.

“While it is a great coup for the citizens of Washington state, it is sad for all of us at Regence,” said Mark Ganz, President and CEO of Regence. “Mary’s strong leadership and deep knowledge of health care have created an impressive record of growth in a highly competitive market. The Alliance has been a critical partner for Regence in our efforts to transform the health care system, and we are pleased that we will continue to have an opportunity to work with her in her new role.”

Regence has immediately begun the process of identifying potential replacements, with the goal of moving quickly to ensure a smooth transition for employees, employer groups and members.

**About Asuris Northwest Health**

Asuris Northwest Health offers a full range of health care coverage options, including dental coverage, for eastern Washington employers and individuals. We also offer Medicare supplemental plans and Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage, and provide member access to more than 20,000 health care providers. Asuris is committed to improving the health of our members and our communities, and to transforming our health care system. For more information, please visit [www.asuris.com](http://www.asuris.com). Asuris Northwest Health, a not-for-profit health plan, is a subsidiary of Regence BlueShield, a leading health plan in Washington.