



The Nick Littlefield AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY HEALTH

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Nationally recognized as a respected and powerful force in health care policy, Nick Littlefield was the former co-chair of the Government Strategies Group in the Boston law firm, Foley, Hoag LLP. He advanced initiatives there for a broad range of health and life science companies, many of which had impact on millions of Americans, such as the Medicare Prescription Drug Act.

Serving as staff director and chief counsel to Senator Edward Kennedy’s Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee (1989-98), Mr. Littlefield shepherded a long list of landmark health policy reforms including the Americans with Disabilities Act; the Ryan White AIDS Care Act; the Child Care Block Grant; the Food Nutrition Labeling and Education Act; the Family and Medical Leave Act; the Kassebaum-Kennedy Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act; and the Hatch-Kennedy Children’s Health Insurance Act (“CHIP”).

In addition to Mr. Littlefield’s distinguished career in law and government, he served on the Board of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation from its establishment in 2001 to his retirement in 2014. Throughout his tenure, Mr. Littlefield never wavered in his commitment to better health care for underserved populations and he challenged the Foundation to strive for transformational impact in both the policy research and grant making areas of our work. He also played a major role in guiding the Foundation’s Roadmap to Coverage initiative, which provided the framework for the discussion, advocacy, and policymaking that eventually led to the passage of health care reform and near universal coverage in Massachusetts.

The Nick Littlefield Award for Excellence in Community Health is intended to honor Mr. Littlefield’s lifelong dedication to public health policy and will recognize an organization making extraordinary contributions to children’s health through a one-time, two-year award in the late spring of 2018. The \$100,000 award will be distributed over two years at \$50,000 per year. The 2018 award will focus on health care providers and community-based organizations that serve children under the age of 18.

Who should apply for the Nick Littlefield Award for Excellence in Community Health?

The award is specifically for health care providers and community-based organizations that serve low-income and vulnerable children in Massachusetts. The organization must be based in Massachusetts and tax exempt under section 501c3 of the IRS code. If an organization does not have its own tax exempt designation, it must provide proof of tax exempt designation for a fiscal agent.

Who should not apply?

The Foundation will not accept applications from government entities, religious institutions, for-profit institutions, or individuals.

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How Will Applications Be Reviewed?

The award recipient will be chosen by a committee that will review all nominations and choose one winner. The award recipient will be expected to participate in an award ceremony in late June and, in 2020, introduce the winner of that year's award. The decisions of the committee are final and the Foundation reserves the right not to present the award in any given year. The committee will focus on the following applicant qualities:

- Demonstrated impact on the health outcomes of the community served
- Emphasis on children under the age of 18
- Specific achievements that distinguish their work
- Evidence of leadership in their community
- Description of how the award funding will be used
- Review of letters of support and commitment

When Are Applications Due?

Applications are due no later than Friday, March 23, 2018 at 5:00 pm. Applicants must submit via the [Foundation Grantee Portal](#). Only complete applications, including all letters of support, will be considered.

When Will the Winner Be Notified?

The award recipient will be notified of the committee's decision the week of May 21, 2018. The Foundation will work with the award recipient to coordinate an announcement strategy.

Questions?

Please contact Maia BrodyField, Administration & Strategic Initiatives Officer, at maia.brodyfield@bcbsma.com.

About the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation

The mission of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation is to expand access to health care for low-income and vulnerable individuals and families in the Commonwealth. The Foundation was founded in 2001 with an initial endowment from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. It operates separately from the company and is governed by its own Board of Directors.

