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**Boston, MA- February 6, 2015-** The Massachusetts Children's Alliance is pleased to announce new board members:

**Michael Caljouw** is Vice President of Government and Regulatory Affairs for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. Mr. Caljouw directs the leading Massachusetts-based health plan's activities in a wide range of regulatory, policy and legislative issues including health care reform in Massachusetts. He previously served as Senior Counsel at a national law firm, Holland & Knight, within their Boston office representing national and local businesses in administrative law, regulatory compliance, licensing and insurance law. Mr. Caljouw served in senior positions in Massachusetts government for ten years. He was the Deputy Director, General Counsel and Chief of Staff for the Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation. He was General Counsel to the Massachusetts Division of Insurance advising on law and regulations in the wake of state and federal health care changes and financial services modernization. On Beacon Hill, Mr. Caljouw served as Chief of Staff and Legal Counsel to the Senate Minority Leader.

**Maureen Ferris** is the Public Policy Director for the Massachusetts Children's Trust. Her work includes the research and writing of legislation and budget items relative to the work of the Trust. Ms. Ferris works at the MA State House and with the MA Congressional delegation to educate legislators and staff about the work of the Trust and how strengthening families will benefit the Commonwealth. Previously she was the Research and Legislative Director for the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities of the Massachusetts Legislature. Prior to this Ms. Ferris was the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Legislative Children's Caucus, an internal advocacy voice for children within the Massachusetts Legislature. Her work focused on child and family issues, spotlighting child abuse prevention and foster care. She came to the caucus after years of child advocacy and work as a public school teacher and a director of child care facilities.

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