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**Community Servings CEO to Speak at The Seventh Annual
Medicaid Innovations Forum**

Panel includes faculty from Harvard Medical School and the Center for Health and Policy Innovation at Harvard Law School, and will focus on integrating medically tailored meals into care for critically ill individuals

January 25, 2016 – Community Servings, the Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation of Harvard Law School, and Massachusetts General Hospital will come together at The Seventh Annual Medicaid Innovations Forum to examine how the provision of medically appropriate foods play a critical role in outcome-driven, cost effective healthcare models. The panel will be moderated by Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island.

The panel will feature distinguished speakers and panelists as they discuss data and cutting edge research to make the case for *Food is Medicine* and how nutrition programs are being integrated into the healthcare system to improve population health. The forum gathers hundreds of representatives from states, health plans, and solution providers to explore policy strategies to leverage the quality of care, reduce costs, and successfully serve the growing Medicaid population.

WHAT: The Seventh Annual Medicaid Innovations Conference

WHO: David B. Waters, CEO, Community Servings
Seth Berkowitz, MD, MPH, Massachusetts General Hospital, Department of Medicine, Harvard Medical School
Kathryn Garfield, JD, Clinical Fellow, Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation, Harvard Law School
Moderator – Beth Marootian, Director of Business Development, Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island

WHEN: Thursday, January 28, 2016 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: The Seventh Annual Medicaid Innovations Forum
Omni Orlando Resort at Champions Gate
1500 Masters Blvd.
Champions Gate, FL 33896
407-390-6664
<http://www.medicaidinnovations.com/>

About Community Servings

Community Servings is a not-for-profit food and nutrition program providing services throughout Massachusetts to individuals and families living with critical and chronic illnesses, such as HIV/AIDS, any form of Cancer, MS, Lou Gehrig's disease and over 30 others. We provide our 1,600 clients, their dependent families, and caregivers with appealing, nutritious meals, lunch, dinner & a snack each day and send the message to those in greatest need that someone cares. Our goals are to help our clients maintain their health and dignity and preserve the integrity of their families through free, culturally appropriate, home-delivered meals, nutrition education, and other community programs. To learn more, visit www.servings.org

About the Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation

The Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation of Harvard Law School (CHLPI) advocates for legal, regulatory, and policy reforms to improve the health of underserved populations, with a focus on the needs of low-income people living with chronic illnesses. CHLPI works with consumers, advocates, community-based organizations, health and social services professionals, food providers and producers, government officials, and others to expand access to high-quality healthcare and nutritious, affordable food; to reduce health disparities; to develop community advocacy capacity; and to promote more equitable and effective healthcare and food systems. CHLPI is a clinical teaching program of Harvard Law School and mentors students to become skilled, innovative, and thoughtful practitioners as well as leaders in health, public health, and food law and policy.

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