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Larry Boress is President & CEO of the Midwest Business Group on Health, one of the nation's leading non-profit business coalitions. Founded in 1980, the Chicago-based MBGH is composed of over 100 major, self-funded, public and private employers having headquarters or employee populations in the Chicago metropolitan area. Members include Abbott Labs, Boeing, City of Chicago, and Kraft Foods. MBGH member firms provide health benefits to over 2 million lives, spending close to \$2.5 billion on health benefits annually. MBGH's primary mission is to promote leadership, collaboration and knowledge among employers to continuously improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of health care and the health status of their constituents.

Mr. Boress oversees all of MBGH's research, advocacy, educational, networking, and group purchasing, activities. He assists member companies in formulating benefit designs, measuring the performance of providers and health plans, and sharing of benefit management strategies. In his formal training, he received a Masters in Public Administration from Roosevelt University and a Bachelors of Arts degree from Northern Illinois University. Larry also is a Certified Association Executive.

He formerly served as Executive Director of the Chicago Business Group on Health. Prior to joining MBGH in 1991, he spent 17 years at the Illinois State Medical Society. During that time, he assisted physicians in their practices and represented the medical profession in its relationships with hospitals, regulatory agencies and affiliated professional organizations. Larry currently serves as co-chair of the Illinois Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease. He is on the Illinois Public Health Institute Board of Directors and the Corporate Health & Wellness Association Advisory Council. He is a member of the AMA's Oversight Body of the Ethical Force Program and on the Coalition for Quality and Patient Safety in Chicago.