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## **Mark Schaefer, PhD, Joins CHA as Vice President, System Innovation and Financing**

WALLINGFORD – Mark Schaefer, PhD, currently Director, Healthcare Innovation at the Office of Health Strategy for the State of Connecticut, will join the Connecticut Hospital Association in January 2020 as Vice President, System Innovation and Financing.

“Mark’s exceptional knowledge of and experience in building strategic alliances and broad community coalitions to implement outcome-based programs will advance CHA’s strategic objective of implementing and sustaining a healthcare delivery and financing system that fosters innovation and provides optimal health for all residents of Connecticut communities,” said Jennifer Jackson, CEO, CHA. “We are pleased to welcome Mark to our leadership team and confident that he will be an outstanding contributor to CHA’s member hospitals and health systems.”

As an early and innovative leader in the national initiative to transform healthcare through improved quality and reduced costs, Dr. Schaefer led efforts for a \$45 million dollar federal grant, resulting in the design and implementation of multi-payer care delivery reforms and alternative payment models to promote high quality healthcare, health equity, and affordability.

In his new role, he will collaborate with a broad coalition of partners to lead CHA’s efforts to develop and implement sustainable and innovative payment and care delivery models that improve the health of communities throughout the state.

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### **About CHA**

The Connecticut Hospital Association has been dedicated to serving Connecticut’s hospitals since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut’s hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, community health, health equity, and hospital reimbursement.

