From 2010 until the end of 2020, Daniel J. Hilferty served as the president and chief executive officer of Independence Health Group (Independence), parent of Independence Blue Cross, one of the nation’s leading health insurers. He continues to serve the company in an advisory capacity through the end of 2022.

During his tenure, the company nearly tripled in size by expanding through its affiliates to serve 8 million people nationwide. In addition, he established the Independence Blue Cross Center for Innovation; launched Tandigm Health, a unique venture that arms primary care physicians with the tools and data needed to better manage chronic conditions and deliver more personalized care; and established Quil, a joint venture with Comcast NBCUniversal dedicated to revolutionizing the consumer experience in health care.

Under Mr. Hilferty’s leadership, Independence built business collaborations with world-renowned institutions such as the University of Pennsylvania to foster innovation in health care and partnered with Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans and other leaders in health care to build dynamic health care companies, including AmeriHealth Caritas, one of the country’s largest Medicaid managed care companies.

Mr. Hilferty is a sought-after speaker on leadership, transforming health care, and the role of technology and big data. Mr. Hilferty has appeared on MSNBC, Fox Business Network, CNN, and in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and other national media. He is among a select group of nonpartisan health care leaders called upon by government leaders for advice on health care reform.

Mr. Hilferty is a member of the boards of directors for Essential Utilities, Inc., where he is also the lead independent director, and FS Investment Corporation III. He recently served as the board chair of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, which represents Blue plans covering 106 million Americans. He is the immediate past chair of the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia. In 2015, he served as cochair on the executive leadership cabinet of the World Meeting of Families which brought Pope Francis to Philadelphia.

Mr. Hilferty earned his undergraduate degree from St. Joseph’s University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and then served in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps running a community center in Portland, Oregon. After earning a master's degree in public administration from American University, he returned to the Philadelphia area where he lives with his wife, Joan. The couple has five children and three grandchildren.