

Gregory E. Deavens Bio

Gregory E. Deavens is the former President and Chief Executive Officer of Independence Health Group (Independence), parent of Independence Blue Cross, a role he held from January 2021 until September 2025. Mr. Deavens joined Independence in 2017 as executive vice president, chief financial officer, and treasurer.

Mr. Deavens joined Independence from Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (MassMutual) where he served as corporate controller from 2012 to 2016 and as CFO for the U.S. Insurance business from 2006 to 2012. Before joining MassMutual, Mr. Deavens held senior financial roles at NY Life, CIGNA, and GE Capital. Mr. Deavens began his career in public accounting with Price Waterhouse where he specialized in financial services while working in the firm's New York, London, and St. Louis offices.

Mr. Deavens currently serves as immediate past chair of the Board of Directors of The Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia and is the former board chair for AmeriHealth Caritas, Hartford HealthCare, and The Amistad Center for Art & Culture. He also serves on the boards of Alegeus Technologies; BCS Financial Corporation; and AmeriHealth Caritas; and as trustee for the Barnes Foundation and the African American Museum in Philadelphia. He is a former member of the boards of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, America's Health Insurance Plans, the National Institute for Health Care Management, and other entities as part of his Independence responsibilities. He is a certified public accountant (CPA inactive), and a member of the Executive Leadership Council, the National Association of Corporate Directors, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants. In addition, he is an honorary Trustee of the Amistad Center for Art & Culture. In 2023, he was recognized by Modern Healthcare for Excellence in Corporate Governance.

Mr. Deavens holds a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Florida A&M University and an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from Manor College. He and his wife Beverly live in Philadelphia and have three adult children.