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As a senior executive at the Tufts Health Plans for almost twenty years, he was responsible for strategic planning, product development, public affairs and government relations. He led major product initiatives including the development of various new HMO benefits for the group market (including tiered-network HMO and POS plans), New England's largest Medicare + Choice HMO, and consumer-directed health plans.

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