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Beth Israel Lahey Health Begins Journey to Transform Health Care

BOSTON – Today, Beth Israel Lahey Health officially embarks on a journey to transform health care in Massachusetts. Beth Israel Lahey Health is a new health care system that brings together academic medical centers and teaching hospitals, community and specialty hospitals, more than 4,000 physicians and 35,000 employees in a shared mission to expand access to great care and advance the science and practice of medicine through groundbreaking research and education.

"With the creation of Beth Israel Lahey Health, we have an unprecedented opportunity to care for our patients and our communities in new and better ways," said Kevin Tabb, MD, President and CEO of Beth Israel Lahey Health. "This is just the beginning of our journey to transform health care in Massachusetts into what we know it can and should be."

"We believe everyone should have access to high-quality, affordable care, whether they live on Cape Cod, the North Shore or somewhere in between," he added. "Through local and system partnerships, as well as the enthusiasm and talent of all our employees and providers, we will invest in and strengthen community-based care, informed by innovation and discovery."

To achieve its goals of delivering extraordinary, integrated care close to where our patients live and work, Beth Israel Lahey Health includes:

- A physician enterprise that encompasses the system's network of more than 800 employed primary care physicians and 3,500 specialty physicians located throughout Eastern Massachusetts;
- A hospital and ambulatory services group that includes four academic and teaching hospitals
 with affiliations with Harvard Medical School and Tufts University School of Medicine; eight
 community hospitals; specialty hospitals for orthopedics and behavioral health; and
 comprehensive ambulatory and urgent care centers;
- A population health enterprise working to strengthen quality of care and patient health outcomes across the system and to address health disparities and public health issues like addiction and chronic disease.
- A network of administrative and operational services to advance strategic, local and systemlevel goals, that offers expertise and standardized resources based on best practices.

"Each of the organizations joining Beth Israel Lahey Health brings a strong legacy and unique expertise to this new system," said Ann Ellen Hornidge, JD, Chair of the Board of Beth Israel Lahey Health. "In coming together, we embrace our individual strengths and commit to working together to make a difference for our patients and our communities by expanding access to reimagine the future of health care in Massachusetts."

For more information about Beth Israel Lahey Health, please visit: www.bilh.org.