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**BETH ISRAEL DEACONESS CARE ORGANIZATION EXPANDS ITS
PHYSICIAN AND HOSPITAL NETWORK**

BIDCO helps local physicians and hospitals provide high-quality, efficient health care

WESTWOOD, MA – Four community hospitals and two physician organizations recently joined Beth Israel Deaconess Care Organization (BIDCO), a value-based physician and hospital network and an Accountable Care Organization (ACO).

Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Milton, Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Needham, Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Plymouth, Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) and the CHA Physicians Organization, and Hebrew SeniorLife joined BIDCO, effective January 1, 2014.

BIDCO offers the physician organizations and hospitals the structure to contract, share risk, and build care management and quality improvement systems together, with the goal of providing the highest quality health care in the most efficient way. BIDCO's network includes 2,100 doctors, including nearly 500 PCPs and more than 1,600 specialists, and five hospitals in eastern Massachusetts.

“BIDCO is committed to partnering with diverse physician practices and hospitals to provide patients high-quality, value-based care,” said Christina Severin, BIDCO President and CEO. “I look forward to working with our physician and hospital members to identify new and innovative ways to improve health care quality, better coordinate patient care, and reduce unnecessary cost across the care continuum.”

The physician organizations and hospitals will continue to provide local care to patients in their communities while now having greater care integration and access to affordable specialty care at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, when necessary.

“With BID-Milton having joined the Beth Israel Deaconess family in 2012, joining BIDCO provides us the best structure by which to partner with our physicians on our collective mission of providing the highest quality care to our patients, in the most coordinated fashion, while effectively managing health care costs. We are excited about the challenging work that lies ahead as we work to improve the health status of our patients in an age of healthcare reform,” said BID-Milton President and CEO, Peter Healy.

“Joining the network builds significantly on BID-Needham’s growing partnership with BIDMC,” said BID-Needham President and CEO John Fogarty. “Being part of BIDCO strengthens our ability to continue offering easy access to advanced care at a lower cost to our community.”

“Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Plymouth serves more than 250,000 residents in Plymouth and Barnstable counties, and we provide a comprehensive array of high-quality, low-cost services,” says BID-Plymouth Senior Vice President of System Development James Fanale, MD. “We look forward to working with BIDCO to further enhance our systems and level of care for patients in our region.”

“We share BIDCO’s commitment to delivering high-quality care at a lower cost,” said Assaad Sayah, MD, Cambridge Health Alliance Chief Medical Officer. “Joining BIDCO is a critical step in our transition to a global payment system, as it will provide access to best practices, technology, and other infrastructure that will help us deliver better and more efficient care for our patients and communities.”

“Hebrew SeniorLife has a longstanding commitment to providing high-quality health care for our seniors,” said Helen Chen, M.D., Chief Medical Officer for Hebrew SeniorLife Health Care Services and Hebrew Rehabilitation Center. “Our success comes from an integrated and coordinated approach and a focus on clinical and patient experience outcomes. Our mission and approach are well-aligned with BIDCO and its focus on quality, value, and efficiency, and we look forward to the opportunity to develop new ways to improve care and to redefine the experience of aging.”

Created in December 2012, BIDCO represents the joining of the former Beth Israel Deaconess Physician Organization with Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. BIDCO is one of 32 Pioneer ACOs contracted with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

About Beth Israel Deaconess Care Organization

Beth Israel Deaconess Care Organization (BIDCO) is a value-based, physician and hospital network and an Accountable Care Organization (ACO). With its corporate office located in Westwood, Mass., BIDCO offers physician groups and hospitals the structure to contract, share risk, and build care management systems together, with the goal of providing the highest quality care in the most cost-efficient way.

To deliver value to patients, commercial payors, and government, BIDCO leverages the shared skills of more than 2,100 primary care physicians (PCPs) and specialists and numerous community hospitals, including Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Milton, Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Needham, Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Plymouth, and the Cambridge Health Alliance. BIDCO has a tertiary affiliation with Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

BIDCO was an early adopter of merging global budget accountability with the delivery of high-quality care, and is one of 32 Pioneer ACOs contracted with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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