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**Statement from Lora Pellegrini, President of the MA Association of Health Plans
on the Health Policy Commission's Cost and Market Impact Review final report on the
proposed merger between Beth Israel Deaconess and Lahey Health systems**

We applaud the Health Policy Commission for their comprehensive review of the proposed merger of Beth Israel Deaconess and Lahey Health systems. This thorough report on estimated additional health care costs, market share, patient access, and quality of care will help inform all stakeholders about the potential impacts of the merger and how it could reshape the Massachusetts health care system. We look forward to working with the Attorney General's office and the Department of Public Health as they review the final report. It is imperative that any merger approved in our marketplace enhance the quality of care for patients and not increase health care costs for employers and consumers.

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