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### **Statement of the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission on the Proposed Merger of Tufts Medical Center and Boston Medical Center**

The HPC has not yet received notice of the proposed merger between Tufts Medical Center or Boston Medical Center. By law both parties are required to file notices with the HPC at least 60 days prior to a proposed transaction; typically, after a final agreement has been reached. Once the HPC receives notice, based on a preliminary, objective review of available information, the HPC will determine whether the proposed merger is likely to result in the type of significant impact on health care cost growth or on the competitive marketplace to merit a further review (known as a “Cost and Market Impact Review”). In its preliminary assessment, the HPC will consider a range of factors, such as the potential impact of the merger on prices, total medical expenses (TME), and market leverage. The potential merger of Tufts Medical Center and Boston Medical Center would constitute a significant change in the Massachusetts health care market, and the HPC looks forward to reviewing the details of any proposed merger.