



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION

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August 6, 2015

Mr. Steven MacLauchlan  
President and CEO  
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Dear Mr. MacLauchlan:

The Health Policy Commission (HPC), in collaboration with the Office of the Attorney General (AGO) and the Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA), is required by state law to hold annual public hearings concerning health care cost trends in the Commonwealth. (See the Notice of Public Hearing attached as "Exhibit A.") G.L. c. 6D § 8 requires the HPC to identify a representative sample of health care providers and payers as witnesses for the hearing. In accordance with these provisions, Saint Vincent Hospital has been identified as a witness and is hereby requested to submit written testimony in response to the questions of the HPC in "Exhibit B" and questions of the AGO in "Exhibit C."

The annual health care cost trends hearing is a public examination into the drivers of health care costs as well as the engagement of experts and witnesses to identify particular challenges and opportunities within the Commonwealth's health care system. This year's hearing will focus on a number of important topics, including the state's performance under the health care cost growth benchmark. Your assistance and active participation in this hearing process will contribute to the on-going public dialogue about how to develop a more affordable, effective, and accountable health care system.

In summary, your organization is required to electronically submit to HPC written testimony, signed under the pains and penalties of perjury, responding to the areas of inquiry identified on the attached "Exhibit B" and "Exhibit C" on or before the close of business on **Friday, September 11, 2015**.

The written testimony should be submitted to [HPC-Testimony@state.ma.us](mailto:HPC-Testimony@state.ma.us). Any and all written testimony will be a public record and will be posted on the HPC's website at [www.mass.gov/hpc](http://www.mass.gov/hpc).

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Seltz".

David Seltz  
Executive Director

CC: Karen Tseng, Chief, Health Care Division, Office of the Attorney General  
CC: Áron Boros, Executive Director, Center for Health Information and Analysis