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MHA Recognizes Healthcare Innovators at Second Statewide Event

The Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association (MHA) today held its **second annual *Accountable Care Compass Awards* event, which recognizes provider excellence and innovation in the delivery of high-quality, safe and efficient care.** Independent judges reviewed nearly 60 submissions from hospitals, physician groups, home health agencies and other care providers from across the commonwealth, and selected finalists and a first place awardee in each of the following six categories:

- Reducing Hospital-Acquired Conditions and Readmissions
- Improving Organizational Efficiencies
- Enhancing Culture and Leadership
- Providing Care to Special Populations
- Improvements Across the Continuum of Care
- Physician Practice Innovations

“Along with the rest of our country, we cannot predict what the future of the healthcare reform in general and the Affordable Care Act in particular will be, but MHA’s member facilities and their amazing employees are on the front lines every day, providing some of the best healthcare in the world,” said MHA’s President & CEO Lynn Nicholas, FACHE, who conceived the idea for awards. “The Compass Awards competition encourages members to detail their best and most creative patient care and quality improvement efforts, to both inform the public and share best practices among their peers and colleagues. It appropriately highlights the fundamental mission of providers – exhibiting excellence in caring for patients, families and communities.”

The awards were presented at a breakfast ceremony emceed by Emmy Award-winning A&E Critic [Joyce Kulhawik](#) and attended by hospital, health system, physician organization and other healthcare provider leaders and innovators from across Massachusetts.

First place award winners and finalists are listed below.

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First Place Awardees are:

- **Atrius Health** (Providing Care to Special Populations category), for their *Behavioral Health Adult Care Model Redesign*;
- **Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital – Needham** (Enhancing culture and leadership category) for their *Sustaining Transformational Change: Creating a Culture of Safety in a Hospital Setting* project;
- **Baycare Health Partners, Inc./Pioneer Valley Accountable Care, LLC** (Improvements across the care continuum category), for their *Acute Care Alternative Program*;
- **Lahey Hospital and Medical Center** (Reducing hospital-acquired conditions and readmissions category) for its *Reduction of Catheter-Associated Blood Stream Infections in the ICU* project;
- **Partners HealthCare** (Physician practice innovations category), for the *Patient Reported Outcome Measures Program*;
- **UMass Memorial – HealthAlliance Hospital** (Improving organizational efficiencies category) for its *Maximizing Operational Efficiencies through Reduction in Emergency Department Boarders* initiative.

Finalist honorees are:

- Atrius Health
- Boston Medical Center
- Brigham and Women’s Physicians Organization / Brigham and Women’s Hospital
- Massachusetts General Hospital
- Partners HealthCare
- Pediatric Physicians’ Organization at Children’s
- Saint Vincent Hospital
- Signature Healthcare
- South Shore Health System

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