

In a word, what changes in health care mean for you: **PROGRESS.**



Health care is changing. National and state health reform laws are reshaping the way health care is delivered and how providers are paid. This new direction has motivated many Massachusetts hospitals to partner with other institutions as a way of providing care more effectively and efficiently.

In a carefully drawn and thoughtful response to these changes, Hallmark Health System, Massachusetts General Hospital, North Shore Medical Center, and Partners HealthCare have designed a new affiliation that will provide the best-coordinated care to our patients in the most appropriate places, which in most cases will be closer to your home and in lower-cost community settings.

How will this new affiliation work for the communities served by Hallmark Health System?

Lawrence Memorial Hospital of Medford will be transformed into a modern, short-stay inpatient and ambulatory-care facility operated by Mass General. The Medford hospital, which will serve patients who are likely to stay in the hospital for fewer than three days, will have new and robust outpatient services. The urgent medical needs of the community will be met through a state-of-the-art care center.

Melrose-Wakefield Hospital will continue as a full-service, acute-care hospital. There will be major investments in the hospital by Partners HealthCare and Hallmark Health to fund renovations and expand care in medical, surgical, and maternity services.

And 25 new primary care physicians will be recruited to keep care in the community.

Patients who need more research-based treatments, clinical trials, and advanced medical care will be treated at Mass General, one of the highest-ranked hospitals in the country.

This exciting collaboration of Hallmark Health, Mass General, North Shore Medical Center, and Partners HealthCare will ensure future access to high-quality, cost-efficient, and advanced medical care for our patients, their children, and future generations to come.

To learn more about our vision of a new, local health care system for the 21st century, go to:

<http://hallmarkhealth.org/Partners-Affiliation.html>



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