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IMPLEMENTATION WEBSITE FOR HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT LAUNCHED**Site will provide consumers and stakeholders with important information on law to lower costs for families and businesses across the Commonwealth**

BOSTON – Thursday, September 27, 2012 – The Patrick-Murray Administration today launched [a new website](#) that will be a clearinghouse for information about efforts to control health care costs, creating a transparent home for updates on progress, notice of upcoming events and other information important to consumers throughout the Commonwealth.

"We took the next big step forward on health care reform by proposing and passing a cost containment bill," said Governor Patrick. "This website provides important information on the law's implementation in a centralized location and will keep the public updated on the progress we're making."

In August, Governor Patrick signed landmark legislation that launches the next phase of health care reform. Implementing the reforms in the legislation, which takes effect Nov. 5, will result in nearly \$200 billion in savings over the next 15 years by moving to alternative payments, increasing transparency, addressing market power, promoting wellness, enacting malpractice reform and supporting health information technology. Implementation will include a number of state agencies, along with cooperation from providers and insurers, non-profit organizations, and input from and information delivered to the public.

As the central location for information and updates on implementation, the website includes information on the law, notice of upcoming events, and a single portal for connecting with health care-related state agencies, authorities, and commissions. In the coming weeks additional resources will be added to the site with timelines of when specific provisions go into effect and how these efforts will benefit Massachusetts businesses, consumers, and health care providers. Stakeholder groups are encouraged to share this [website](#) with their constituents as a valuable resource to understand health care cost containment and the implementation process in Massachusetts.

Along with the website, the Administration will hold information forums to provide opportunities for updates and input from stakeholders. The first informational forum will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at 9:30 a.m. at One Ashburton Place on the 21st Floor. Sponsored by the three Administration Secretariats involved in implementation (the Executive Offices of Health and Human Services, Administration and Finance, and Housing and Economic Development) and the Health Connector Authority, the forum will detail which areas of implementation each of the four agencies will oversee and provide progress reports on ongoing efforts.

For more information, visit: www.mass.gov/governor/healthcarecostcontainment

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