



Massachusetts Takes Over St. Elizabeth's and 4 Other Hospitals

Description

Governor Maura Healey made a significant announcement on Friday regarding the state's intervention in St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton. She declared that the state would exercise eminent domain to take control of the hospital, along with securing deals to prevent the closure of four other Steward Health Care hospitals across Massachusetts.

In a press conference, Healey emphasized the importance of safeguarding access to healthcare in these communities and preserving the jobs of the dedicated hospital staff. The agreements in principle have been made to transfer ownership of Saint Anne's Hospital, Good Samaritan Medical Center, Morton Hospital, and Holy Family hospitals to new entities. However, negotiations for St. Elizabeth's have hit a roadblock as private equity firms overseeing Steward's bankruptcy proceedings are not prioritizing the interests of Massachusetts residents.

Healey asserted the state's determination to seize control of St. Elizabeth's through eminent domain to facilitate a smooth transition under new ownership. The plans involve Lawrence General Hospital taking over the Holy Family hospitals, Lifespan assuming control of Morton and Saint Anne's, and Boston Medical Center managing Good Samaritan and St. Elizabeth's following the eminent domain process.

Despite Steward's silence on the state's actions, Healey outlined a financing plan in collaboration with lawmakers to ensure a seamless transition of hospital ownership. The move has been hailed as a victory for Massachusetts, shedding light on alleged profit-driven practices within Steward's management.

While this initiative secures the future of five hospitals, the closures of Carney Hospital and Nashoba Valley Medical Center remain imminent. Efforts are being made to support affected employees and patients during this transition period, with a keen focus on securing qualified bidders to maximize positive outcomes for these healthcare facilities.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Eminent** /'ɛmɪnənt/ (adjective): Famous and respected within a particular sphere or profession.
2. **Intervention** /,ɪn.tə'veɪn.jən/ (noun): The action of intervening typically to improve a situation.
3. **Negotiate** /nɪ'ɡoʊʃieɪt/ (verb): To try to reach an agreement or compromise by discussion with others.
4. **Facilitate** /fə'sɪlɪteɪt/ (verb): To make an action or process easy or easier.
5. **Transition** /træn'zɪʃən/ (noun): The process or a period of changing from one state or condition to another.
6. **Alleged** /ə'lɛdʒd/ (adjective): Claimed or asserted but not proven.



Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Who made a significant announcement regarding the state's intervention in St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton?
Option: Governor Maura Healey
Option: Mayor John Smith
Option: President Angela Johnson
Option: CEO Mark Thompson
2. What mechanism did the state plan to exercise to take control of St. Elizabeth's hospital?
Option: Eminent domain
Option: Sale agreement
Option: Licensing agreement
Option: Government grant
3. Which hospitals are being transferred to new entities to prevent closure?
Option: Saint Anne's Hospital Good Samaritan Medical Center Morton Hospital Holy Family hospitals
Option: Newton Medical Center Jefferson Hospital Riverside Hospital Mercy Medical Center
Option: Maplewood Hospital Parkview Medical Center Cedar Ridge Hospital Sunflower General Hospital
Option: Unity Health Center Harmony Hospital Oakwood Medical Institute Greenfield Clinic
4. Which hospital is facing a roadblock in the negotiations for control?
Option: St. Elizabeth's
Option: Lawrence General Hospital
Option: Saint Anne's Hospital
Option: Morton Hospital
5. Which hospitals will be managed by Boston Medical Center following the eminent domain process?
Option: Good Samaritan and St. Elizabeth's
Option: Holy Family hospitals and Morton
Option: Saint Anne's and Good Samaritan
Option: Lawrence General and Morton
6. Which hospitals are facing imminent closures despite the state's intervention?
Option: Carney Hospital and Nashoba Valley Medical Center



- Option: Unity Hospital and Riverside Medical Center
- Option: Memorial Hospital and Parkview Medical Center
- Option: St. Luke's Hospital and Sunset Medical Center

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Governor Maura Healey 2. Eminent domain 3. Saint Anne's Hospital Good Samaritan Medical Center Morton Hospital Holy Family hospitals 4. St. Elizabeth's 5. Good Samaritan and St. Elizabeth's 6. Carney Hospital and Nashoba Valley Medical Center

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is a narrow flag commonly used for signaling or decoration?
 - Option: Ecosystem
 - Option: Pennant
 - Option: Intervention
 - Option: Resolute
2. Which word best describes a person who is famous and respected within a specific sphere or profession?
 - Option: Negotiate
 - Option: Surge
 - Option: Eminent
 - Option: Alleged
3. Which term refers to discussions aimed at reaching an agreement between parties?
 - Option: Disparity
 - Option: Negotiation
 - Option: Groundbreaking
 - Option: Mobilization
4. What word describes a process or period of changing from one state or condition to another?
 - Option: Anticipation
 - Option: Decline
 - Option: Transition
 - Option: Intervention
5. Which term means a sudden powerful forward or upward movement especially by a crowd or natural force?



- Option: Mobilization
- Option: Surge
- Option: Consolidating
- Option: Plummeted

6. What does the term "disparity" refer to?

- Option: Plummeted
- Option: Decline
- Option: Disparity
- Option: Picket

7. Which term is used to describe something innovative or pioneering?

- Option: Implications
- Option: Resolute
- Option: Groundbreaking
- Option: Tentative

8. What term is used to describe the act of organizing a company business or system in a new way?

- Option: Earnings
- Option: Anticipation
- Option: Restructure
- Option: Decline

9. Which term is used to indicate something that has been claimed or asserted without proof?

- Option: Alleged
- Option: Ecosystem
- Option: Interventions
- Option: Surge

10. What term refers to the money obtained in return for labor or services?

- Option: Earnings
- Option: Anticipation
- Option: Decline
- Option: Mobilization

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The company is _____ its position in the market through strategic alliances.

12. Children have a higher _____ to certain illnesses than adults.



13. The team made a _____ decision to proceed with the new project.
14. The government called for the _____ of troops to assist in the disaster-stricken area.
15. The doctor provided a detailed _____ of the patient's condition.
16. The teacher employed an _____ strategy to help the struggling student improve.
17. Stock prices _____ due to the unexpected market volatility.
18. The fans waited in _____ for the band to take the stage.
19. The conservation efforts focused on protecting the delicate coastal _____.
20. The company announced record profits as a result of increased _____.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. Regular exercise plays a key role in muscles and improving overall health.
22. The diplomats were sent to a peace treaty between the two warring nations.
23. The new software was designed to data entry and simplify the workflow.
24. The decision to cut funding for the project has serious for the research team.
25. The crime was still under investigation by the police.
26. The workers decided to stage a outside the factory to protest against unfair labor practices.
27. The charity organization provided humanitarian to the victims of the natural disaster.
28. The company experienced a steady in sales due to changing market trends.
29. She remained in her decision despite facing criticism from her colleagues.
30. There was a sudden of support for the political candidate after her inspiring speech.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Pennant 2. Eminent 3. Negotiation 4. Transition 5. Surge 6. Disparity 7. Groundbreaking
8. Restructure



9. Alleged 10. Earnings

Gap-Fill: 11. Consolidating 12. Susceptibility 13. Tentative 14. Mobilization 15. Diagnosis 16. Intervention
17. Plummeted 18. Anticipation 19. Ecosystem 20. Earnings

Matching sentence: 1. Strengthening 2. Negotiate 3. Facilitate 4. Implications 5. Alleged 6. Picket
7. Interventions 8. Decline 9. Resolute 10. Surge

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