
Massachusetts to Take Over St. Elizabeth's from Steward; Agreements on 4 Other Hospitals

Description

Boston Governor Maura Healey declared on Friday that the state would utilize eminent domain to take control of St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton. Her administration has also secured agreements to rescue four other Steward Health Care hospitals in Massachusetts from shutting down.

"We are putting an end to Steward's presence in Massachusetts once and for all," Healey stated during a press conference. "By doing so, we are safeguarding healthcare access in these communities and preserving the jobs of thousands of dedicated hospital staff."

Agreements "in principle" have been made to transfer ownership of Saint Anne's Hospital in Fall River, Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton, Morton Hospital in Taunton, and Holy Family hospitals in Haverhill and Methuen to new entities. However, Healey criticized the private equity firms managing Steward's bankruptcy for not prioritizing the interests of Massachusetts residents in the deal for St. Elizabeth's.

"Eminent domain will be employed to secure control of Saint Elizabeth's, facilitating a transition to a new owner and ensuring the hospital remains operational," Governor Healey explained.

Lawrence General Hospital, Lifespan, and Boston Medical Center are slated to take over the respective hospitals once the transactions are finalized. Despite this positive development, Carney Hospital and Nashoba Valley Medical Center will still cease operations.

Healey emphasized the importance of crafting a financially responsible funding plan to facilitate the hospital ownership transfers. At the same time, Steward CEO Ralph de la Torre's profit-oriented approach has raised concerns about patient care, prompting scrutiny from lawmakers.

In the ongoing effort to protect healthcare resources, the state remains dedicated to supporting affected communities and workers amid these changes.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Eminent** /'ɛm.ɪ.nənt/ (adjective): Famous and respected within a particular sphere.
2. **Facilitating** /fə'sɪl.ɪ.ter.ɪ.tɪŋ/ (verb): Making an action or process easier.
3. **Agreements** /ə'gri:.mənts/ (noun): A negotiated and typically legally binding arrangement between parties.
4. **Prioritizing** /prɔr'ɔ:r.ɪ.taɪ.zɪŋ/ (verb): Designating or treating something as more important than others.
5. **Operational** /,ɒp.ə'reɪ.ʃən.əl/ (adjective): In a condition of functioning or being in effect.
6. **Condemned** /kən'dəm.d/ (verb): Officially declared to be unfit for use or service.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Who declared the utilization of eminent domain to take control of St. Elizabeth's Medical Center?
Option: Maura Healey
Option: Ralph de la Torre
Option: Lawrence General Hospital
Option: Steward Health Care

2. Which hospitals in Massachusetts did Governor Healey secure agreements to rescue from shutting down?
Option: Saint Anne's Hospital Good Samaritan Medical Center Morton Hospital Holy Family hospitals
Option: Carney Hospital and Nashoba Valley Medical Center
Option: St. Elizabeth's Medical Center only
Option: None of the above

3. Who are the entities slated to take over the respective hospitals once the ownership transfers are finalized?
Option: Lawrence General Hospital Lifespan Boston Medical Center
Option: Steward Health Care Ralph de la Torre
Option: Carney Hospital Nashoba Valley Medical Center
Option: Private equity firms managing Steward's bankruptcy

4. What approach of Steward CEO Ralph de la Torre has prompted scrutiny from lawmakers?
Option: Profit-oriented
Option: Non-profit
Option: Patient care-centered
Option: Community-focused

5. What is Governor Healey emphasizing the importance of in relation to the hospital ownership transfers?
Option: Crafting a financially responsible funding plan
Option: Seeking private equity firms
Option: Transferring ownership without agreements
Option: Prioritizing profit over patient care

6. Which hospital will cease operations despite the positive developments for others?
Option: Carney Hospital

Option: Saint Anne's Hospital

Option: Good Samaritan Medical Center

Option: Lawrence General Hospital

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Maura Healey 2. Saint Anne's Hospital Good Samaritan Medical Center Morton Hospital Holy Family hospitals 3. Lawrence General Hospital Lifespan Boston Medical Center 4. Profit-oriented 5. Crafting a financially responsible funding plan 6. Carney Hospital

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. Which word means "prominent or distinguished"?

Option: Eminent

Option: Prioritizing

Option: Mobilization

Option: Mitigate

2. Which term refers to "mutual understandings or arrangements"?

Option: Steadfast

Option: Agreements

Option: Tentative

Option: Fluctuation

3. Which word relates to "involving the functioning of a system"?

Option: Condemned

Option: Broadcast

Option: Operational

Option: Turbulence

4. Which term describes a "conflict or argument"?

Option: Implications

Option: Dispute

Option: Bolster

Option: Independence

5. Which word means "recognized or accepted"?

Option: Facilitating

Option: Acknowledged

Option: Transition

Option: Coastal

6. Which word signifies "worry or attention to something"?

Option: Concern

Option: Refute

Option: Groundbreaking

Option: Accelerating

7. Which term means "important or notable"?

Option: Prioritizing

Option: Significant

Option: Transparency

Option: Mitigate

8. Which word implies "to deny or disprove"?

Option: Refute

Option: Cease

Option: Fluctuation

Option: Accelerating

9. Which term means "freedom or self-reliance"?

Option: Transporting

Option: Acknowledged

Option: Independence

Option: Prioritizing

10. Which word means "to make less severe or serious"?

Option: Eminent

Option: Mitigate

Option: Concatenate

Option: Tentative

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

11. _____ cooperation between departments is crucial for project success.

12. The team made a _____ decision to proceed with the new marketing strategy.

13. Additional resources were allocated to _____ the local economy.

14. The company is currently in a phase of _____ to digital operations.

15. The research team achieved a _____ discovery that could revolutionize the industry.

16. Economic _____ can impact investment decisions.

17. The company is focused on _____ its market expansion efforts.

18. The logistics team managed the _____ of goods efficiently.

19. The new resort offers stunning views of the _____ landscape.

20. The policy change has wide-ranging _____ for the industry.

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

21. The professor was widely recognized as an expert in his field.

22. The opposition leader swiftly responded to the criticism with a strong defense.

23. Despite the challenges she remained unwavering in her commitment to the cause.

24. The cease-fire agreement brought an end to the hostilities.

25. The software developer needed to concatenate the two strings for the program to function correctly.

26. The mobilization of resources was essential for the disaster relief efforts.

27. The company decided to bolster its cybersecurity measures to protect against cyber threats.

28. The groundbreaking research paved the way for new advancements in medical technology.

29. The author acknowledged the contributions of her research team in the published paper.

30. Efforts to mitigate the environmental impact of the project were implemented by the company.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Eminent 2. Agreements 3. Operational 4. Dispute 5. Acknowledged 6. Concern 7. Significant 8. Refute 9. Independence 10. Mitigate

Gap-Fill: 11. Facilitating 12. Tentative 13. Bolster 14. Transition 15. Groundbreaking 16. Fluctuation
17. Accelerating



18. Transporting 19. Coastal 20. Implications

Matching sentence: 1. Eminent 2. Countered 3. Steadfast 4. Cease 5. Concatenate 6. Mobilization 7. Bolster
8. Groundbreaking 9. Acknowledged 10. Mitigate

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