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BRIEF

Bi-monthly newsletter to keep you connected

APHMFP transforms to Longwood Specialty Physicians, 2025 Outstanding physician colleague award, Sunshine Act update, Harvard Pilgrim APP reimbursement policy, National healthcare decisions day, Cigna webinar



**Longwood
Specialty Physicians**

World-class care in your community

APHMFP transforms to Longwood Specialty Physicians

Last week, HMFP introduced a new name and look when they rebranded from the former Associated Physicians of Harvard Medical Faculty Physicians (APHMFP) to **Longwood Specialty Physicians (LSP)**. You will begin to see this name in all referral management information and provider sites.

Reminder: required reporting

There is a requirement in the Participation Agreement to report to Physician Performance any proceeding against your practice or physicians by an entity such as a plaintiff or governmental agency.

For more information on this requirement, please reach out to our Executive Director at dschoent@bidmc.harvard.edu.



**MANDATORY
REPORTING**



2025 Outstanding Physician Colleague Award!

Physician Performance is reaching out for nominees for our first annual Outstanding Physician Colleague Award which recognizes physicians who embody the organization's mission of enhancing patient care through exemplary support of their colleagues. The award will honor the efforts of physicians who go above-and-beyond in support of a colleague to offer guidance, encouragement, or assistance, that made all the difference during a time of personal or professional need.

Please fill out the brief form below by May 9 to nominate a colleague. An awards ceremony

will be held in June.

<https://forms.office.com/r/zgRa5SX06p>

Sunshine Act physician dispute period ends May 15

Providers can now access the [CMS Open Payments website](#) to view information that has been reported about them under the Sunshine Act for calendar year 2024, and dispute any errors. Please take action prior to the review and dispute period, which closes on **May 15th**. [Click here for registration guidance, and additional information.](#)



Harvard Pilgrim policy on Advanced Practitioner reimbursements

Harvard Pilgrim has revised their payment policy for Advanced Practitioners to reflect an 85% reimbursement on all claims. [Click here](#) to view the payment policy.

Healthcare Decisions Day: April 16

Next Wednesday, April 16, is Healthcare Decisions Day, which focuses on the need for anyone age 18 and over to have in place a healthcare agent and a completed healthcare proxy in the event the individual is incapacitated and unable to make care decisions for themselves.

**NATIONAL
HEALTHCARE
DECISIONS DAY
2025**

Hospitals and health systems can take advantage of the many resources available to them to assist in their outreach to families and patients. MHA compiled [this "Simple Step" communications toolkit](#) in collaboration with other local healthcare associations.

PatientCareLink's [Healthcare Planning Throughout Your Life](#) section has resources that both providers and families can use to begin the conversation about care planning.

Honoring Choices Massachusetts also has great resources, including its [Getting Started Tool Kit](#).

BILHPN to host Cigna webinar

Join the upcoming BILHPN contracted health plan orientation webinar with Cigna Healthcare

Send questions in advance or ask questions during the webinar. A copy of the presentation will be available upon request if you are unable to attend.

Thursday April 17th, 2025 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Webinar - Zoom Link Meeting and Access: [Join Zoom Meeting](#)



Meeting URL: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83311478627?pwd=2BkJvCfPdfJppZGbavGhhATinhQI.1>

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Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached via email at PLLCAdministration@bidmc.harvard.edu or leave me a message at (617) 632-9728 and I will get back to you.



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