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TO: The Continuum Health Partners Community

FROM: Stanley Brezenoff
President and Chief Executive Officer

RE: **Beth Israel to Assume Responsibilities for St. Vincent's Cancer Center**

I am delighted to report that Beth Israel Medical Center will officially assume clinical operations for the former St. Vincent's Comprehensive Cancer Center (SVCCC), effective today. The facility will now be known as **The Beth Israel Comprehensive Cancer Center**. In addition, Beth Israel and Aptium Oncology, Inc., which currently provides administrative services for the operation of the facility, have reached an agreement for Aptium to continue in this administrative role. **Most importantly, this proposed transfer of services will ensure critical continuity of care for the thousands of patients who make over 60,000 visits annually.**

Under Beth Israel's clinical leadership, the Center, which opened in 1996, will continue to provide a full spectrum of diagnostic and therapeutic services, including medical, surgical and radiation oncology, diagnostic imaging, nationally recognized research and cancer supportive services at its beautiful facility at 325 West 15th Street, between 8th and 9th Avenues. We will continue to operate Beth Israel's multi-disciplinary Cancer Center located at the hospital's Phillips Ambulatory Care Center on Union Square East between 14th and 15th Streets.

The physicians and staff of the former SVCCC and Beth Israel are working closely and collaboratively to bring these two programs together. There is tremendous synergy between the two, which makes this partnership particularly noteworthy. **Both cancer teams are excited and optimistic about joining in partnership to become one of the largest and most comprehensive multi-site cancer programs in the Northeast.**

We also are excited to join in partnership with Aptium Oncology, Inc. It is the premier solution for hospitals and physician practices seeking to develop or enhance their oncology programs. With more than 25 years of experience in cancer program development, the Los Angeles-based company offers market-leading consulting and management expertise to premier institutions around the country, including NCI-designated programs, academic medical centers and community providers.

I wish to commend everyone who has worked so hard to make this partnership come together, particularly Gail Donovan, Continuum's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; Kathy Meyer, Esq., Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer; John Collura, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Louis Harrison, MD, BI and SLR's Chairman of Radiation Oncology and Director of the Continuum Cancer Centers of New York; and Harris Nagler, MD, Beth Israel President. They will continue to lead our efforts on this initiative, with the help of many others.

Over the course of the next several weeks you will hear more about our exciting plans to fully integrate the former SVCCC into Beth Israel's outstanding spectrum of cancer services. We will do everything possible to ensure that patient needs are well attended during this period of transition. In the meantime, please join me in welcoming our colleagues at Aptium and SVCCC into the Continuum community.