

## Lifespan, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of RI Sign Cost-sharing Agreement

PROVIDENCE – Lifespan and Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island (BCBSRI) have announced a collaboration that will affect the way health care is delivered to over 35,000 patients and includes more than 110 primary care providers.

The three-year agreement will affect 35,000 commercially insured and Medicare patients. It will involve more than 110 physicians; 40 percent of the physicians are affiliated with patient-centered medical homes and 35 percent are Lifespan physicians.

This initiative is the first step in moving away from the traditional fee-for-service model. Throughout the partnership, BCBSRI and Lifespan will jointly invest in programs that support care transformation by coordinating all aspects of a patient's care – from office visits to hospitalizations. In addition, the new payment model will reward

physicians for meeting quality performance and outcome goals.

“This collaboration with Lifespan will provide a physician-led, patient-centered, team-based approach for our members. Our goal is for patients to receive the care they need and to realize better health outcomes at a lower cost,” said **PETER ANDRUSZKIEWICZ**, president and CEO for BCBSRI.

According to **TIMOTHY J. BABINEAU, MD**, Lifespan's president and CEO, this agreement supports Lifespan's ongoing evolution from a system of hospitals into a fully integrated health care delivery system. “Our focus continues to be on enhancing the patient experience and finding the best and most appropriate ways to deliver health with care,” said Dr. Babineau. “This agreement allows us to take another step in this direction all while building on our relationship with the provider community

and recognizing and rewarding quality care for our patients.”

**KAREN ROSENE-MONTELLA, MD**, Lifespan's senior vice president of women's services and clinical integration, noted that this agreement emphasizes Lifespan's commitment to primary care. “As the state's largest health system, we recognize the importance primary care plays in delivering the best possible care for patients and the best outcomes. By better coordinating patient care among all their providers, whether in an physician's office or hospital setting, and measuring the quality of that care, patients can expect a more streamlined and seamless experience,” she explained. “This agreement is about having the primary care provider be central to the patient's care, guiding them through the health care system for a better patient experience.” ❖

## Women & Infants among Best Children's Hospitals in Neonatology in U.S. News Media Group's Rankings

PROVIDENCE – Women & Infants Hospital has been named a 2014–2015 Best Children's Hospital in Neonatology by U.S. News Media Group.

“The care that we provide not only to full-term newborns, but also to the tiniest, frailest infants, is extraordinary, and we are so proud to have that level of care acknowledged,” said **MARK R. MARCANTANO**, president and chief operating officer of Women & Infants Hospital.

“The single-family room NICU has expanded the field of neonatology from ‘survival’ to ‘quality of life, and we have seen that first-hand in the five years since opening our single-family room unit,’” said **JAMES F. PADBURY, MD**, pediatrician-in-chief at Women & Infants and the Oh-Zopfi Professor of Pediatrics for Perinatal Research at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. “Women & Infants' NICU is a developmentally sensitive unit that enhances infant growth and development by allowing us to adjust the noise, light, temperature and medical interventions in each room based on each patient's



need. Controlling the environment decreases dependence on respiratory support, decreases the incidence of complications, improves weight gain, shortens the hospital stay, and improves the infant's developmental outcome.” ❖