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**Mount Auburn Cambridge Independent Practice Association (MACIPA) and Mount Auburn Hospital are selected as a Pioneer Accountable Care Organization by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services**

**Cambridge, MA** – Mount Auburn Cambridge Independent Practice Association (MACIPA) and Mount Auburn Hospital are pleased to announce their selection as a Pioneer Accountable Care Organization (ACO) by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Innovation Center. An ACO is a group of doctors, hospitals, and other health care providers who work together to deliver coordinated health care to patients.

“These Pioneer ACOs represent our nation’s leaders in health systems innovation, providing highly coordinated care for patients at lower costs,” said Marilyn Tavenner, Acting Administrator of CMS. “MACIPA and Mount Auburn Hospital together have demonstrated significant experience in providing high quality, coordinated care, and we are excited to partner with them,” Tavenner said.

“It is an honor to be selected by CMS as a Pioneer ACO,” says Jeanette Clough, President and CEO of Mount Auburn Hospital. “Mount Auburn continues to look for innovative ways to improve patient care and quality while containing costs and improving efficiency. MACIPA and MAH are thrilled to be one of the first organizations to join this effort.”

As of January 1, 2012, MACIPA and Mount Auburn Hospital will launch their efforts as a Pioneer ACO for CMS. As a Pioneer ACO, affiliated providers will take responsibility for coordinating the health care needs of a population of Medicare patients. To accomplish this, MACIPA and Mount Auburn Hospital will focus on enhancing programs for acute and chronically ill patients to strengthen the coordination of their care and improve the patient’s health.

“We are very excited to partner with CMS to provide our patients with the best, most coordinated and cost effective care,” says Barbara Spivak, M.D., President, MACIPA. “Our Medicare patients will greatly benefit from this program as we work together to provide the best quality care, to keep our patients healthy and well.”

***More about Mount Auburn Cambridge Independent Practice Association***

*Mount Auburn Cambridge Independent Practice Association was founded in 1985 to organize physicians and negotiate managed care contracts. There are over 500 physician members who admit to Mount Auburn Hospital and/or Cambridge Health Alliance. MACIPA has full risk capitation contracts with 40,000 covered lives in Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Tufts Health Plan and Tufts Medicare Preferred (a Medicare Advantage plan), and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care.*

***More about Mount Auburn Hospital***

*Mount Auburn Hospital was founded in 1886. A teaching hospital of Harvard Medical School, its mission is to deliver healthcare services in a personable, convenient and compassionate manner, with respect for the dignity of patients and their families.*