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Compass Medical Joins Steward Health Care

Boston - December 7, 2011 – Steward Health Care LLC. (Steward) announced today that it has entered into an affiliation agreement with Compass Medical P.C. (Compass). Compass, a fully-integrated health care community that provides primary care, urgent care and specialty services for the entire family, is a network of over 90 providers serving the South Shore of MA.

“We’re excited about delivering more closely integrated care at a community hospital level and that’s the opportunity that an affiliation with Steward brings for our providers and, most importantly, our patients across our service area – all while maintaining our relationship and the access to the excellent tertiary care that Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital represent,” said Jamie Barber, Chief Executive Officer of Compass.

“Giving local physicians the tools they need to work together with their community hospital benefits patients and helps lower health care costs without sacrificing access or quality,” said Mark Girard, Executive Vice President of Steward and President of Steward Health Care Network. “Compass is a group of high quality physicians and providers and they share our commitment to providing world class health care in the communities where patients live.”

Through this affiliation, Compass and Steward will work together to provide enhanced patient care on the South Shore and lower total medical expense. As part of the agreement, Compass will operate under Steward’s global payment contracts with commercial insurers. This reimbursement model lowers health care costs and enables providers to tailor their practices to meet the specific needs of their patients. Joining Steward also gives Compass providers enhanced access to Steward’s network of health care providers. Three Steward hospitals, Quincy Medical Center, Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton and Morton Hospital and Medical Center in Taunton are located in the Compass service area. Compass will continue to refer patients in need of tertiary care primarily to Brigham and Women’s Hospital.

"Compass Medical is pleased to have our new affiliation with Steward. This affiliation allows us to marry world-class community care with world-class tertiary care," said George Clairmont, MD, President of Compass.

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About Steward Health Care

Steward Health Care is the largest fully integrated community care organization and community hospital network in New England. Headquartered in Boston, Steward is the second largest private employer in MA with more than 16,000 employees serving more than one million patients annually in 85 communities. Hospitals in the system include Saint Anne's in Fall River, Holy Family Hospital in Methuen, St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton, Norwood Hospital, Carney Hospital in Dorchester, Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton, Nashoba Valley Medical Center in Ayer, Merrimack Valley Hospital in Haverhill, Morton Hospital and Medical Center in Taunton and Quincy Medical Center. Other Steward Health Care entities include Steward Medical Group, Steward Hospice and Home Care, Laboure College, and Por Cristo. Further information is available at www.steward.org.

About Compass Medical, P.C.

Compass Medical is a fully-integrated healthcare community that provides primary care, urgent care and specialty services for the entire family. With more than 90 providers, Compass has grown to become one of the top healthcare providers in the South Shore Area. By utilizing the latest in healthcare equipment and technology, Compass Medical is able to bring the same level of high quality care found in the metropolitan area, into your community. Compass Medical has eight locations; [Abington](#), [Braintree](#), [East Bridgewater](#), [Easton](#), [Halifax](#), [Holbrook](#), and [Taunton](#) and continues to expand. The newest facility in [Middleborough](#) opened in September, 2011. This 36,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility offers access to a full spectrum of services, including digital radiology, digital mammography, bone density testing, advanced outpatient cardiology care, ultrasound testing, urgent care and more. Further information is available at <http://www.compassmedical.net/>.

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