



## Harbor Health Services, Inc.

### The Harbor Beacon

Your Guiding Light to  
Healthcare  
April/May 2011

Dear Eleni,

The nice weather is upon us and so is our busy schedule of events. Between working with our State Representatives on budget issues, attending local health fairs, and hosting health education series at local elementary schools we are all working very hard to ensure that the communities we serve have access to high quality healthcare. Take a look at the below items to see what is happening at Harbor Health Services, Inc.

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### Budgets, budgets, everywhere...

With gas prices rising and tax season upon us, many of us review our household budgets, likewise here at Harbor we are working on our budget for 2012. In Washington DC and here in Boston our state and federal governments are also looking at budgets, one for this year in FY11 and for next year in FY12.

During this process murmurs of a possible government shut made its way into public eye and caused much anxiety but was ultimately averted. During this time you might have asked what would be the impact of a government shut down on Harbor? Had the government shut down our doors would we have remained open. We would have continued to see our patients and welcome new patients at our community health centers, WIC programs and Elder Service Plan. In fact in these continued difficult economic times as you and

### Harbor Health at the State House



HARBOR HEALTH SERVICES, INC. to showcase its commitment to providing access to health care by transforming itself into a Patient Centered Medical Home at the 16th Annual Outreach & Information Day at the State House.

Date: May 5, 2011

Location: [The Great Hall, Massachusetts State House](#)

Exhibit Time: 11am-1pm

The 16th Annual Outreach & Information Day at the State House is brought to you by the Mass League of Community Health Centers. [Click here for more information.](#)

### Quick Links

your family look at your personal budget you should know that Harbor can help you and your family save money. For example:

Pharmacy- Harbor patients can now get their prescriptions filled at one of our two retail pharmacies located inside Geiger Gibson Community Health Center and the Neponset Health center at a greatly discounted price. Even if you aren't a patient at one of our health centers our pharmacy is open to you as well. Nutritional support- If you are struggling to put food on the table Harbor operates a WIC program and a food pantry. Nursing home alternative - If you have a low income elder in your family who is living at home and you are concerned that they may need nursing home care and you worry that you can't afford it, our Elder Service Plan may be able to help your family save money and help your elder stay in their home. Free testing services- Have you been putting off getting tested for HIV/AIDS because you worry about the cost? We offer free, confidential drop in counseling and testing. Financial counseling- If you don't have health insurance or you feel that you are underinsured we have financial counselors that are happy to discuss your options with you, also free of cost.

For more information about the services that we offer that can help you and your family during these difficult economic times, check out our Facebook page (below) or our website at [www.hssi.us](http://www.hssi.us).

At Harbor, we have a trusting, caring and gifted staff, experienced management and leaders, and a supportive Board of Directors who have weathered all past economic storms. This is not an easy time to be optimistic. The positive feelings we experienced when this country finally passed a national health care reform law have faded. But I do believe we will prevail over the voices who want to rewrite the American compact that says it is society's responsibility to care for those who, at some point in their lives, need a helping hand.

Daniel J. Driscoll

President and CEO

Harbor Health Services, Inc.

## Geiger Gibson Community Health Center opens their brand new retail community pharmacy



Geiger Gibson Community Health Center, the first community health center in the United States, recently opened their brand new retail community pharmacy within the health center. This is a great service to provide to our patients. Having the option to fill your prescriptions before you leave your doctor's appointment is a great convenience for our patients.

Adding a retail community pharmacy to the health center is in line with our efforts to become a medical home significantly improving the care our patients receive from our medical team. Patients can also receive up to 50% of the cost of their medications. With the economic climate being as it is this can be a huge benefit to many individuals and families. Please see the hours of operation below.

Monday-Thursday: 8:30am-8:30pm

Friday: 8:30am-6:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am-4:00pm

Geiger Gibson's Retail Pharmacy Line: 617-533-2295

## Harbor on the Hill

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