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AfPA Supports Proposed Massachusetts Healthcare Disclosure Regulations

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Boston, Massachusetts -- On behalf of our physician membership and their patients, the AfPA applauds Governor Patrick's Administration for its commitment to ensure Massachusetts remains one of the nation's premiere environments for the advancement of life sciences. The Administration's proposed healthcare disclosure regulations, which include exempting the disclosure of payments to doctors for research and research-related activities, will help to ensure that innovative clinical trials and research will continue in Massachusetts.

Governor Patrick's leadership provides optimism for physicians and patients alike, both whom have a vested interest in a strong and vibrant medical research community. And importantly, it offers great hope for patients who anxiously await new cures and treatments.

As physicians, AfPA members are committed to the highest ethical standards and abiding by the oath taken to act in their patients' interests. This can best be accomplished by collaborating with life sciences companies and other healthcare stakeholders in a responsible, professional manner that maximizes patient access to new and emerging therapies.

The Alliance for Patient Access (AfPA) is a national network of physicians whose mission is to ensure and protect patient access to approved medical treatments in the U.S., including prescription pharmaceuticals, biologics, and medical devices.

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