## Message to Our Community

Dear Hawthorn Medical Community -

We are excited to share that Hawthorn Medical Associates is now part of Brown Health Medical Group, which is part of the Brown University Health family – a not-for-profit integrated health system based in Providence, Rhode Island, formerly known as Lifespan. Please know this change will positively impact your care now and in the future. Your health and well-being are our highest priority, and we are working to ensure that this transition is as seamless as possible.

Please come to your scheduled appointments and contact your physicians and care teams as you normally would, as well as seek emergency healthcare services when you need it. Saint Anne's Hospital in Fall River and Morton Hospital in Taunton are also part of Brown University Health and will still serve as our preferred sites of care for referrals. Brown Health Medical Group's staff and physicians are available to serve you and your loved ones 24/7.

As we continue this transition, you may notice some changes, including temporary signage at our Hawthorn facility with the new Brown University Health branding. What has not yet changed is our system for billing, resulting in patient bills still having the Steward Health Care name included. We are working with our legal team to update the billing information as soon as possible. In the meantime, please know that your payments are going to the correct place.

We are proud to be part of Brown University Health's shared vision

to build a regional healthcare system that will benefit patients in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, reinvest back into its hospitals and its people, and serve as an economic driver for the cities and towns we care for. We will keep you updated as more information becomes available and thank you for trusting us with your health. With gratitude, James P. Tracey, MD President, Executive Board Hawthorn Medical Associates, LLC