2013 has seen many milestones towards improving access to biomedical research. In February, President Obama issued a directive requiring most federal research agencies to implement public access policies; official guidance in this respect is expected shortly from the Office of Science and Technology Policy. This spring, the NIH began implementing the enhanced compliance requirements for its Public Access Policy announced in December 2012. State level open access bills have been passed in Illinois and are pending in California and New York.

In celebration of Open Access Week 2013, please join us for an overview of these recent developments, featuring comments by Peter Suber, Director of the Harvard Office for Scholarly Communication and author of Open Access. Scott Lapinski, HMS Digital Resources and Services Librarian and Open Access Liaison, will be discussing how these enhanced requirements impact medical researchers and how authors can ensure that their publications are in compliance.