



MAHP 2024 Annual Conference

Health Care Affordability at a Crossroads - Federal and State Solutions for Change

Seaport Hotel

One Seaport Lane, Boston, MA
Friday, November 15, 2024
7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Conference Agenda

7:30 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.

Registration, Breakfast and Networking

8:10 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.

Introduction and Welcome

Lora Pellegrini, President & CEO, Massachusetts Association of Health Plans

8:20 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Overview of the Day

Mallika Marshall, MD, Medical Reporter, WBZ 4, CBS News Boston

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Greetings from the Commonwealth

Governor Maura Healey (Invited)

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Conference Keynote

Observations about the 2024 Elections, the Mood of the Electorate & What the Presidency Means for Health Care

Chuck Todd, Chief Political Analyst, NBC News

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Cost Containment Strategies – A View from the States

Speakers TBD

10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The Tug of War Driving Up Drug Spending and What to Do About It

Leemore Dafny, PhD, Bruce V. Rauner Professor of Business Administration, Harvard Business School, and Professor of Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

A View from the Health Policy Commission

Presentation of Massachusetts Cost Trends Data

David Auerbach, PhD, Senior Director, Research & Cost Trends, Massachusetts Health Policy Commission

Fireside Chat on Health Care Cost Containment in the Commonwealth

Deborah Devaux, Chair, Massachusetts Health Policy Commission (Invited)

David Seltz, Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Policy Commission

Moderator: *John McDonough, DrPH, MPA, Professor of Public Health Practice, Department of Health Policy & Management, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health*

12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Lunch & Networking

12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

A Conversation with the Secretary

Kate Walsh, Secretary of Health and Human Services, Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Invited)

With Lora Pellegrini, President & CEO, Massachusetts Association of Health Plans

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Reaction Panel - Health Care Stakeholders Respond

Abha Agrawal, MD, President & CEO, Lowell General Hospital

Juan Fernando Lopera, Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer, Beth Israel Lahey Health

Eileen McAnneny, Health Care Consultant

Amy Rosenthal, Executive Director, Health Care For All

Vasundhra Sangar, Senior Director of Policy, Massachusetts Biotechnology Council (Invited)

Matthew Veno, Executive Director, Group Insurance Commission (Invited)

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2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Wrap Up

Lora Pellegrini, President & CEO, Massachusetts Association of Health Plans

2:30 p.m.

Networking Reception – Plaza Ballroom Lobby