



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

Ali Hassoun, Executive Director, Oregon Public Employees' Benefit Board and Oregon Educators Benefit Board

Cory King, Health Insurance Commissioner, Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner

Andrew York, PharmD, JD, Executive Director, Maryland Prescription Drug Affordability Board

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

*David Seltz, Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Policy Commission
With 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 DEI Officer, Beth Israel Lahey Health, Co-Founder, Health Equity Compact
Eileen McAnneny, President, Employer Coalition on Health
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)
Moderator: John McDonough, DrPH, MPA, Professor of Public Health Practice, Department of Health Policy & Management, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health*

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