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MAHP Annual Conference Explores Healthcare Affordability and Solutions for 2025

Event featured remarks from Gov. Healey, NBC News' Chuck Todd

BOSTON, MA (November 15, 2024) — [The Massachusetts Association of Health Plans \(MAHP\)](#) held their annual conference today convening over 500 healthcare professionals across the Commonwealth. The conference focused on healthcare affordability and other issues impacting the healthcare system, with speakers offering real-world solutions to help ensure affordable, equitable and high-quality care for all.

The conference included remarks from Governor Maura Healey and Chief Political Analyst at NBC News, Chuck Todd, as well as a sit-down discussion with Massachusetts Secretary of Health and Human Services Kate Walsh.

“COVID may be in the rear-view mirror, but its impact lingers through inflation, a changing workforce, and a healthcare sector that has faced serious challenges, including the Steward Healthcare bankruptcy. Fortunately, Governor Healey and Secretary Walsh have acted decisively to prevent a serious healthcare crisis,” **stated Lora Pellegrini, President and CEO of MAHP.** “But as federal health policy remains uncertain and healthcare costs rise—particularly in prescription drugs and provider demands for rate increases—addressing affordability is crucial for a fair, efficient, and competitive healthcare system in Massachusetts.”

Sessions covered cost containment strategies and experiments to bend the cost curve that have been implemented in other states, rising costs of prescription drugs, and observations about the 2024 Elections and their potential impact on federal healthcare policy in 2025.

MAHP works with other health organizations to foster partnerships that will help make healthcare more affordable and improve the quality of care for all residents. MAHP pursues constructive dialogue and joint efforts with providers, government officials, consumers, other health organizations, and the business community to promote discussion of current health policy issues.

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Governor Healey speaking



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