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Statement by Lora Pellegrini, President and CEO of the Massachusetts Association of Health Plans, on Amendment 541

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"MAHP and our member plans applaud Senator Cindy Friedman and the Massachusetts State Senate for taking decisive action to address skyrocketing prescription drug prices with a budget proposal to set an upper price limit on certain high cost drugs. High drug costs are putting enormous pressure on our state's Group Insurance Commission, MassHealth, and health plans, accounting for higher health care premiums for employers and consumers.

Over 40 state reports have confirmed that the primary reason health care costs continue to climb is the ever-increasing prices charged by hospitals, providers, and drugmakers. If we are serious about improving affordability, it is solutions like these that begin to hold those primary cost drivers accountable for the prices charged that will make a difference for Massachusetts residents."

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