



MAHP 2025 Annual Conference

Health Care at a Crossroads How Federal and State Policies are Impacting Change

Friday, November 21, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Conference Agenda

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Registration, Breakfast and Networking

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Introduction and Welcome

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

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Observations on Federal Health Policy and the State of Public Health in the US

Ashish Jha, MD, Dean, Brown University School of Public Health (Invited)

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Federal Health Policy – Where do we go from here?

Stephanie Anthony, Senior Advisor, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP

Edo Banach, Partner, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Fireside Chat with Secretary Walsh

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

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

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Break & Networking

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Strategies for Cost Containment – Measuring and Improving Hospital Efficiency

Rachel Block, Program Officer, Milbank Memorial Fund

Robin Weinick, PhD, PCC, Principal, Resonant, LLC

Moderator: *Alyssa Vangeli, JD, MPH, Senior Consultant, Bailit Health*

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch & Networking

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Affordability and Cost Containment – State Strategies for Success

Michael Caljouw, Commissioner, Division of Insurance

Senator Cindy Friedman, Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

Representative John Lawn, House Chair, Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

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*

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Reaction Panel - Health Care Stakeholders Respond

Rushika Fernandopulle, MD, Founder & CEO, Iora Health

Zachary Gaumer, Managing Principal, Health Management Associates

Eileen McAnneny, President, Employer Coalition on Health

Amy Rosenthal, Executive Director, Health Care For All (Invited)

Christine Schuster, RN, MBA, CEO and President, Emerson Health

Matthew Veno, Executive Director, Massachusetts Group Insurance Commission

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

3:00 p.m.

Wrap Up

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