



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. – 8:30 a.m.

Registration, Breakfast and Networking

8:30 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.

Introduction and Welcome

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

8:35 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

A View from Washington

Ezekiel Emanuel, MD, Vice Provost of Global Initiatives, Levy University Professor, Perelman School of Medicine and The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Break & Networking

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, Health Care Department Co-Chair, Foley Hoag, LLP

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Fireside Chat with Secretary Mahaniah

Kiame Mahaniah, MD, Secretary of Health and Human Services, Commonwealth of Massachusetts with Lora Pellegrini, President & CEO, Massachusetts Association of Health Plans

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Strategies for Cost Containment – Measuring and Improving Hospital Efficiency

Rachel Block, Program Officer, Milbank Memorial Fund

Peter Pronovost, MD, PhD, FCCM, Chief Quality & Clinical Transformation Officer, University Hospitals

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

Ashley Blackburn, Senior Director, Policy & Government Relations, Health Care For All

Rushika Fernandopulle, MD, CEO, Liza Health; Founder & Former CEO, Iora Health

Zachary Gaumer, Managing Principal, Health Management Associates

Eileen McAnneny, President, Employer Coalition on Health

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