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**Statement by Lora Pellegrini, President and CEO of the Massachusetts Association of Health Plans, on Governor Healey's Health Care Affordability Working Group
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“MAHP appreciates the Governor’s focus on practical steps that can help make health care more affordable for patients, employers, and families. Efforts to reduce low-value care, protect patients from excessive out-of-network costs, and encourage broader adoption of existing technology to improve data sharing among providers and payers reflect the kind of system-wide work needed to address the underlying cost of care.

While these recommendations represent important progress, more work remains to deliver meaningful premium relief to consumers. Addressing rising provider prices and prescription drug costs will be critical, and Massachusetts should build on the successful strategies implemented in other states to achieve lasting affordability.

We are encouraged by the Commonwealth’s efforts to pilot innovative approaches through the Group Insurance Commission and are hopeful those initiatives will deliver the same kinds of cost savings achieved in other states, creating opportunities to expand successful models more broadly across the Massachusetts health care market. Meaningful progress will require a shared commitment from providers, health plans, employers, purchasers, and government, and we look forward to continuing that work while advancing additional long-term solutions that directly target the principal drivers of health care spending. MAHP remains committed to working with the Administration and stakeholders to advance lasting solutions that improve affordability.”

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