



## MAHP 2026 Annual Conference

### *Health Care Affordability: From Challenge to Action*

Friday, December 11, 2026

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. – 8:45 a.m.**

**Introduction and Welcome**

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

**8:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.**

**Greetings from the Commonwealth**

***Governor Maura Healey*** (Invited)

**9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**

**Solutions for Health Care Affordability**

***Ashish Jha, MD***, Senior Fellow, Belfer Center, Harvard Kennedy School

**10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

**What Works: Evidence on Health Care Spending and Price Regulation**

***Michael Bailit***, President, Bailit Health

***Anna Sinaiko, Ph.D.***, Associate Professor of Health Economics and Policy, Department of Health Policy and Management, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

***Christopher Whaley, Ph.D.***, Associate Director, Center for Advancing Health Policy through Research; Associate Professor of Health Services, Policy and Practice; Brown University School of Public Health

**11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Affordability and Cost Containment – State Strategies for Success**

***Michael Caljouw***, Commissioner, Division of Insurance

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

***Amy Rosenthal***, Undersecretary of Health, Executive Office of Health and Human Services

***David Seltz***, Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Policy Commission

**Moderator: *Jessica Bartlett***, Medical Reporter, Boston Globe

**12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Lunch & Networking**

**1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.**

**A View from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services**

***Kiame Mahaniah, MD***, Secretary of Health and Human Services, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**Fireside Chat with the Assistant Secretary for MassHealth**

***Ryan Schwarz, MD***, Medicaid Director & Assistant Secretary for MassHealth, Executive Office of Health and Human Services

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

**1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**

**State and Private Health Care Purchasers Respond**

***Eileen McAnneny***, President, Employer Coalition on Health

***Matthew Veno***, Executive Director, Massachusetts Group Insurance Commission

**Moderator: *Patrick Tighe***, Senior Vice President, Practice Groups, Health Management Associates

**2:45 p.m.**

**Wrap Up**

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