

Cost Trends and Market Performance

Health Policy Commission

Committee Meeting

October 1, 2014



Agenda

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Vote: Approving Minutes

Motion: That the Cost Trends and Market Performance Committee hereby approves the minutes of the Committee meeting held on August 6, 2014, as presented.

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HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION

2014 Health Care Cost Trends Hearing

An annual public examination of health care cost trends and drivers, featuring witness testimony and discussion with national experts on the challenges and opportunities within the Commonwealth's health care system.

October 6 & 7, 2014

Suffolk University Law School

120 Tremont Street, Boston, MA



The 2014 hearing will examine cost trends for public and commercial payers as well as hospitals and other providers. For the first time, the hearing will focus on the state's performance under the health care cost growth benchmark.

The HPC will hold the hearings in conjunction with the Center for Health Information and Analysis and the Office of the Attorney General.

Cost Trends Hearing: Day 1 Agenda

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

OPENING REMARKS	9:00 AM
Representative Jeffrey Sánchez, Chairman, Joint Committee on Public Health Dr. Stuart Altman, Chair, Health Policy Commission Ms. Renee Landers, Director of the Health Law Concentration, Suffolk University Law School	
POLICY FOCUS: HEALTH CARE COST GROWTH BENCHMARK	
PRESENTATION	9:30 AM
Center for Health Information and Analysis	
REMARKS	10:00 AM
Governor Deval L. Patrick	
EXPERT SPEAKER	10:15 AM
Michael E. Chernew, PhD, Harvard Medical School, Department of Health Care Policy	
BREAK	11:00 AM
WITNESS PANEL 1: MEETING THE COST GROWTH BENCHMARK	11:15 AM
<i>Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Miller Dyer Spear, Partners HealthCare System, UMass Memorial Medical Center</i>	
LUNCH	1:00 PM
POLICY FOCUS: TRANSFORMING THE PAYMENT SYSTEM	
EXPERT SPEAKER	1:45 PM
Alan Weil, JD, MPP, Editor-in-Chief, Health Affairs, Former Executive Director of the National Academy for State Health Policy	
WITNESS PANEL 2: ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT METHODOLOGIES	2:30 PM
<i>Beacon Health Strategies, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Harrington Hospital, Steward Health Care System, Tufts Health Plan</i>	
PUBLIC TESTIMONY	4:30 PM

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Cost Trends Hearing: Day 2 Agenda

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

<p>OPENING REMARKS</p> <p>State Auditor Suzanne Bump Senate President Therese Murray Attorney General Martha Coakley</p>	<p>9:00 AM</p>
<p>PRESENTATION</p> <p>Office of the Attorney General</p>	<p>10:00 AM</p>
<p>EXPERT SPEAKER</p> <p>Thomas Lee, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Press Ganey Associates</p>	<p>10:30 AM</p>
<p>POLICY FOCUS: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COORDINATED CARE</p>	
<p>WITNESS PANEL 3: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</p> <p><i>Commonwealth Care Alliance, Gosnold Addiction Treatment Center, Lynn Community Health Center, Southcoast Hospitals Group, Tufts Medical Center/American Psychiatric Association</i></p>	<p>11:15 AM</p>
<p>WITNESS PANEL 4: POST-ACUTE CARE</p> <p><i>Atrius Health, Baystate Medical Center, Beaumont Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center, Brockton Visiting Nurse Association</i></p>	<p>12:30 PM</p>
<p>LUNCH</p>	<p>1:30 PM</p>
<p>POLICY FOCUS: PROMOTING A VALUE-BASED MARKET</p>	
<p>WITNESS PANEL 5: INSURANCE MARKET TRENDS</p> <p><i>Aetna, Group Insurance Commission, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Mestek</i></p>	<p>2:30 PM</p>
<p>WITNESS PANEL 6: PROVIDER MARKET TRENDS</p> <p><i>Beth Israel Deaconess Care Organization, Holyoke Hospital, Lahey Health System, St. Vincent Hospital/Tenant Health Care</i></p>	<p>3:30 PM</p>
<p>PUBLIC TESTIMONY</p>	<p>4:45 PM</p>

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Next Steps: HPC to Issue 2014 Cost Trends Report



The HPC released the 2013 Cost Trends Report, as well as a July 2014 Supplement. The 2014 Cost Trends Report will build off of these publications as well as data from the 2014 Health Care Cost Trends Hearings.

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Hearing on Proposed Regulation on Notices of Material Change and Cost and Market Impact Reviews

- The Commission authorized the issuance of a Proposed Regulation on Notices of Material Change and Cost and Market Impact Reviews, 958 CMR 7.00, on September 3, 2014. The Proposed Regulation and accompanying Technical Bulletin are available at www.mass.gov/hpc under “Regulations”.
- A Public Hearing on the Proposed Regulation will immediately follow this committee meeting.
- If you are interesting in making an oral comment at today’s hearing, please add your name to the sign-up sheet.
- You may also submit written testimony and comments to the HPC at HPC-regulations@state.ma.us by **noon on October 31, 2014**. If you are making oral comments at today’s hearing, we also recommend that you submit those comments in writing.

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