



2018 Health Care Cost Trends Hearing

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018 | 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

WELCOME Dr. Stuart Altman, Chair, and Mr. David Seltz, Executive Director, Health Policy Commission	9:00 AM
REMARKS The Honorable Charlie Baker, Governor	9:15 AM
PRESENTATION: STATE PERSPECTIVE ON HEALTH CARE COST TRENDS Dr. David Auerbach, Director of Research and Cost Trends, Health Policy Commission Mr. Ray Campbell, Executive Director, Center for Health Information and Analysis	9:30 AM
REMARKS The Honorable Robert DeLeo, Speaker of the House	10:00 AM
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: U.S. HEALTH CARE SPENDING – INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT, NATIONAL TRENDS, AND GETTING TO HIGH-VALUE CARE Dr. Ashish Jha, Director, Harvard Global Health Institute	10:15 AM
WITNESS PANEL 1: MEETING THE HEALTH CARE COST GROWTH BENCHMARK – TOP TRENDS IN CARE DELIVERY AND PAYMENT REFORM <i>This panel will discuss strategies to meet the health care cost growth benchmark in 2019 and beyond by tackling issues such as the scalability of innovations in care delivery, the lack of uptake in alternative payment methods, high levels of spending on pharmaceuticals and medical devices, and the future of the Massachusetts health care system.</i> Mr. Michael Carson, President and CEO, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Mr. Normand Deschene, CEO, Wellforce Dr. Mark Keroack, President and CEO, Baystate Health Mr. David Segal, President and CEO, Neighborhood Health Plan Ms. Liora Stone, Owner and President, Precision Engineering, Inc., Uxbridge	11:15 AM
LUNCH BREAK	12:30 PM
WITNESS PANEL 2: INNOVATIONS TO ENHANCE TIMELY ACCESS TO PRIMARY AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE <i>The goal of this panel is to showcase emerging models of enhancing patient access to high-quality, convenient health care, especially behavioral health care and care for vulnerable populations. Focus areas will include: the growth in urgent care centers, including urgent behavioral health care, telemedicine, digital health technology solutions, mobile-integrated health, and other strategies to engage patients in care in the community, and reduce unnecessary emergency department and hospital utilization.</i> Dr. Timothy Ferris, Chairman and CEO, Massachusetts General Physicians Organization Dr. Gene Green, President and CEO, South Shore Health System Mr. Manny Lopes, President and CEO, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Mr. Edward Moore, President and CEO, Harrington Healthcare System Dr. Kristina Orio, Medical Director and Lead Physician, AFC Urgent Care	1:15 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY OPPORTUNITY	2:30 PM
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OPENING DISCUSSION: THEMES FROM DAY ONE Board of Commissioners, Health Policy Commission	9:30 AM
SPOTLIGHT ON STATE SOLUTIONS TO HEALTH CARE SPENDING Ms. Trish Riley, Executive Director, National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP)	9:45 AM
THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL The Honorable Maura Healey, Attorney General Presentation from the Attorney General's Health Care Division	10:30 AM
REACTION PANEL 3: STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS PHARMACEUTICAL SPENDING GROWTH <i>Building off the preceding expert presentation, the goal of this panel is to discuss emerging policies and strategies that can be implemented at the state level to promote greater affordability and value in pharmaceutical spending. Focus areas will include: enhancing the transparency of pharmaceutical prices, promoting value-based contracting and pricing, establishing high-value formularies, improving consumer affordability, supporting innovation, and understanding the role of pharmacy benefit managers.</i> Ms. Sarah Emond, Executive Vice President and COO, Institute for Clinical and Economic Review Dr. Rochelle Henderson, Vice President of Research, Express Scripts, Inc. Ms. Amy Rosenthal, Executive Director, Health Care For All Mr. Daniel Tsai, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth, Executive Office of Health and Human Services Ms. Leslie Wood, Deputy Vice President for State Policy, PhRMA	11:00 AM
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SPOTLIGHT ON IMPACT OF NURSE STAFFING RATIOS Dr. David Auerbach, Director of Research and Cost Trends, Health Policy Commission Dr. Joanne Spetz, Professor, Institute for Health Policy Studies, University of California, San Francisco (UCSF)	1:00 PM
REACTION PANEL 4: IMPACT OF NURSE STAFFING RATIOS ON COST, QUALITY, AND ACCESS <i>Building off the preceding expert presentation, the goal of this panel is to discuss the implications of mandated nurse staffing ratios for health care spending in the Commonwealth. Topics will include evidence and experience of implementing hospital nurse staffing ratios in California, and the potential impact on health care cost, quality, and access in Massachusetts.</i> Ms. Vicki Bermudez, Regulatory Policy Specialist, California Nurses Association Ms. Deborah Devaux, Chief Operating Officer, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts Dr. Nancy Gaden, Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer, Boston Medical Center Dr. Judith Shindul-Rothschild, Associate Professor, William F. Connell School of Nursing, Boston College Dr. Joanne Spetz, Professor, Institute for Health Policy Studies, University of California, San Francisco (UCSF)	1:30 PM
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