



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 6D, § 9, the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission (HPC) will hold a public hearing regarding potential modifications of the health care cost growth benchmark for the average growth in total health care expenditures for calendar year 2026.

Scheduled hearing date:

**Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 12:00 PM**  
**Massachusetts State House, Gardner Auditorium**  
**24 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02133**

The HPC is an independent state agency established in the Commonwealth's landmark health care cost containment law, Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012 (Chapter 224). Chapter 224 established the health care cost growth benchmark, a statewide target for the sustainable rate of growth of total health care expenditures (THCE). Chapter 224 also established the HPC to oversee health care system performance and directed the HPC to monitor statewide spending performance against the benchmark.

Consistent with this mandate, the HPC and the Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) engage in an annual process to monitor health care spending growth relative to the benchmark, which is indexed to a projection of the Commonwealth's long-term economic growth. Under the framework set forth in Chapter 224, the HPC's Board of Commissioners may annually modify the annual health care cost growth benchmark for the following calendar year.

At the hearing, the HPC's Board and members of the state Legislature's Joint Committee on Health Care Financing will consider the data, information, and testimony regarding whether modification of the health care cost growth benchmark is appropriate. The event will be in-person and will be livestreamed via the [Massachusetts Legislature's website](#). A recording will be available on [HPC's website](#) following the conclusion of the meeting.

The HPC encourages interested parties to submit either verbal or written testimony and comments. Those wishing to provide testimony during the hearing may sign up to do so by emailing [Ashley.Caunter@mass.gov](mailto:Ashley.Caunter@mass.gov). All submissions must include the sender's full name and address. Parties who are unable to submit electronic comments should mail submissions to Ashley Caunter, Deputy Chief of Staff for External Affairs, 50 Milk Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02109. **All testimony and comments must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, March 14, 2025.** All written comments submitted to the HPC may be posted on the HPC's website and released in response to a request for public records.

The HPC does not discriminate on the basis of disability and is committed to providing accessible programs, meetings, and events. To request reasonable modification to participate in this event, please contact Aisha Anderson at [Aisha.Anderson@mass.gov](mailto:Aisha.Anderson@mass.gov). Requests made after February 27, 2025, will be considered but may not be possible to fill.

Reminders about the date, time, and in-person location of the hearing will be available on the HPC's website and sent to all individuals signed up for the HPC's distribution list. If you would like to sign up to receive emails from the HPC, please email [HPC-Info@mass.gov](mailto:HPC-Info@mass.gov).