

## Public Hearing on the Modification of the 2026 Health Care Cost Growth Benchmark

Thursday, March 13, 2025



12:00 – 2:30 PM



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Gardner Auditorium  
Massachusetts State House

<b>WELCOME</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
Deborah Devaux, Chair, Massachusetts Health Policy Commission (HPC)	
<b>REMARKS</b>	<b>12:05 PM</b>
Senator Cindy Friedman, Chair, Joint Committee on Health Care Financing Representative John Lawn, Chair, Joint Committee on Health Care Financing	
<b>BENCHMARK MODIFICATION PROCESS</b>	<b>12:15 PM</b>
David Seltz, Executive Director, HPC	
<b>CENTER FOR HEALTH INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS (CHIA) <i>ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM</i></b>	<b>12:45 PM</b>
Lauren Peters, Executive Director, CHIA	
<b>MASSACHUSETTS SPENDING TRENDS: DRIVERS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR AFFORDABILITY</b>	<b>1:15 PM</b>
Dr. David Auerbach, Senior Director of Research and Cost Trends, HPC Yue Huang, Senior Manager, Research and Cost Trends, HPC	
<b>PUBLIC TESTIMONY (ADVANCE SIGN-UP ONLY)</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
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