



# 2025 Health Care Cost Trends Hearing

## Working Together to Safeguard the Commonwealth's Commitment to Health Care Affordability, Access, and Equity

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 | 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM  
IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION BY PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY  
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<b>REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>
<b>CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME</b> Deborah Devaux, HPC Board Chair David Seltz, HPC Executive Director	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>OPENING REMARKS</b> The Honorable Andrea Joy Campbell, Attorney General	<b>9:15 AM</b>
<b>PANEL 1</b> <i>Moderator: Sandra Cotterell, HPC Commissioner</i> <b>A Call to Action: Community, Clinician, and Employer Voices on Current Health Care Challenges</b> Neil Abramson, Business Owner, ECi Consignment Stores, Leominster, Massachusetts Julie Fraher, RN, Quality Improvement, Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center Katherine Gergen Barnett, MD, Vice Chair of Primary Care Innovation and Transformation, Boston Medical Center Department of Family Medicine Liliana Patino, Senior Director of Community Impact and Development, Eliot Community Human Services Ellana Stinson, MD, Emergency Medicine Physician; President, New England Medical Association	<b>9:45 AM</b>
<b>RESEARCH PRESENTATION</b> <b>State and Federal Policy Landscape: Impacts on Health Care in Massachusetts</b> Audrey Shelto, President and CEO, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>PANEL 2</b> <i>Moderator: Martin Cohen, HPC Board Vice Chair</i> <b>Leading the Way: State Strategies to Promote Affordability, Access, and Equity</b> Michael Curry, President and CEO, Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers; Co-Founder, Health Equity Compact Michael Lauf, President and CEO, Cape Cod Healthcare; Board Chair, Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association Michael Levine, Undersecretary for MassHealth, Executive Office of Health and Human Services Audrey Morse Gasteier, Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Connector Amy Rosenthal, Executive Director, Health Care For All	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	<b>12:15 PM</b>
<b>PANEL 3</b> <i>Moderator: Steven Walsh, HPC Commissioner</i> <b>Innovation Insights: Transforming Care through Hospital at Home Programs</b> Danny Metzger-Traber, Vice President, Strategic Business Operations, Mass General Brigham Healthcare at Home Constantinos (Taki) Michaelidis, MD, Medical Director, UMass Memorial Health Hospital at Home Program	<b>12:45 PM</b>

## **RESEARCH PRESENTATION**

**1:15 PM**

### **Health Care Cost Trends in Massachusetts and the Imperative to Advance Affordability**

David Seltz, Executive Director, Health Policy Commission

**PANEL 4** *Moderator: Christopher Leibman, HPC Commissioner*

**1:30 PM**

### **Navigating Pharmaceutical Market Trends: Balancing Innovation and Sustainability**

Sarah Emond, President and CEO, Institute for Clinical and Economic Review

Patrick Gilligan, President and CEO, Point32Health

Marissa Schlaifer, Vice President, Policy, Optum

Tracy Sims, Executive Director of Corporate Affairs, Eli Lilly and Company

Matthew Veno, Executive Director, Group Insurance Commission

**PANEL 5** *Moderator: Deborah Devaux, HPC Board Chair*

**2:45 PM**

### **Moving Forward Together: How CEOs are Maintaining a Focus on Affordability in a Time of Uncertainty**

Doug Howgate, President, Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation

Sarah Iselin, President and CEO, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts

Zandra Kelley, MD, President and CEO, Greater Lawrence Family Health Center

Manny Lopes, President and CEO, Fallon Health

Kevin Tabb, MD, President and CEO, Beth Israel Lahey Health

## **REFLECTIONS AND DISCUSSION**

**4:00 PM**

HPC Board of Commissioners, Office of the Attorney General, Center for Health Information and Analysis

## **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**4:15 PM**

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

**4:30 PM**