



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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VIA EMAIL

Regional Administrator – Region 1
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Dear Administrator:

The [Massachusetts Health Policy Commission](#) (HPC) is an independent state agency working in the public interest to improve the affordability of health care for all residents of the Commonwealth. Through market oversight, data-driven analysis, independent policy insights, and innovative investment programs, the HPC works to make health care more affordable, transparent, and equitable for residents of Massachusetts.

As required by state law ([M.G.L. ch. 6D §8](#)), the HPC holds an annual Health Care Cost Trends Hearing to examine the drivers of health care costs and consider the challenges and opportunities for improving the Massachusetts health care system. The hearing is overseen by the HPC's [Board of Commissioners](#), and includes both in-person testimony and pre-filed written testimony from a wide-range of health care stakeholders from across the Commonwealth. Pursuant to a recent update to the law ([Chapter 343 of the Acts of 2024](#)), the HPC is now also required to request testimony from officials representing the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The HPC's [2025 Health Care Cost Trends Hearing](#), *Working Together to Safeguard the Commonwealth's Commitment to Health Care Affordability, Access, and Equity*, is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at Suffolk University Law School in Boston, MA. This hearing offers a critical opportunity to discuss the pressing issues challenging the stability and sustainability of the Commonwealth's health care system. These include barriers to affordability, workforce constraints, financial volatility, high and rising prescription drug costs, and threats to health care access and coverage – and the ongoing efforts to address them.

To inform the HPC's hearing, we respectfully request your written testimony regarding CMS' implementation of federal changes impacting the health care system in Massachusetts, including timelines and communication efforts, and any other testimony you wish to provide.

Please send your written response to HPC-testimony@mass.gov. All testimony is public record and will be posted to the [HPC's website](#). If you have any questions, please email HPC-testimony@mass.gov. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Seltz".

David Seltz
Executive Director