

1. What is the HPC Advisory Council?

The Advisory Council comprises a **broad cross-section of leaders from the state's health care community** appointed by the Health Policy Commission's (HPC) Executive Director. The Advisory Council meets periodically to discuss the most important health policy issues of the day and advise the HPC on its mission to make health care more affordable, transparent, and equitable for all residents of the Commonwealth. First convened in 2013, **the Advisory Council provides an opportunity for open dialogue and engagement among health care industry experts and stakeholders** which, in turn, informs the work of the HPC in meaningful ways.

For a full list of the current HPC Advisory Council membership, please visit the HPC's [website](#).

2. What is the Advisory Council's goal and how does it support the HPC?

The goal of the Advisory Council is to enhance the HPC's robust policy agenda by incorporating Council members' varied perspectives on the issues facing the Massachusetts health care system, patients, families, and employers. **The Advisory Council supports the agency's work by:** (1) providing input on the HPC's research agenda and policy initiatives; (2) contributing feedback on proposed investment priorities; (3) facilitating connections between HPC staff, HPC commissioners, and health care industry participants and stakeholders; and (4) serving as a network for communicating the HPC's work to the larger community.

3. What are specific HPC responsibilities that Advisory Council members will support?

In January 2025, two [significant health care laws](#) were enacted to **strengthen health care market oversight, address rising prescription drug costs, and enhance the transparency and accountability of the Commonwealth's health care system**. This legislation expanded the HPC's oversight authority, including the establishment of two new offices within the agency: the [Office of Pharmaceutical Policy and Analysis](#) and the [Office of Health Resource Planning](#). Throughout the 2026-2027 term, members will **provide input on the continued implementation of these new responsibilities and workstreams**, in addition to the HPC's ongoing responsibilities related to affordability of care.

4. What are the expectations of HPC Advisory Council members?

HPC Advisory Council members are **appointed for a two-year term by the HPC's Executive Director** and serve in a volunteer capacity. Members are expected to attend quarterly public meetings, which will primarily be held virtually, with at least one in-person meeting per year at the HPC's office (50 Milk St, Boston). **Members should expect to actively engage in discussions during meetings**. HPC staff may pursue additional ad hoc engagement to further inform the HPC's work on specific subject matter areas from members with relevant expertise.

5. How do I apply for a future term?

The deadline for applications to the 2026 – 2027 term is now closed and individuals were appointed in March 2026. Interested individuals are encouraged to stay up to date on HPC Advisory Council meetings via the HPC's website. More information about the next two-year team will be shared in late 2027.