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**Statement from Lora Pellegrini, President of the MA Association of Health Plans
On Governor Baker's Proposal to Rein in MassHealth Pharmaceutical Drug Spending**

“We support Governor Baker’s proposals to rein in pharmaceutical spending in the MassHealth program. According to numerous state reports, prescription drug prices are a major cost driver in both MassHealth and in the commercial market. We applaud the Governor’s efforts to promote direct negotiation, greater transparency, and a public accountability process as it relates to MassHealth’s purchase of pharmaceuticals. We are hopeful that the Governor’s proposal will yield lower drug spending for the Commonwealth. Both health plans and providers are held accountable for overall health care costs in Massachusetts; it is important that the pharmaceutical industry be held to the same standards.”

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