



## MAHP 2019 Annual Conference

### *Health Care Policy: Coverage, Cost Containment and Quality Improvement for Today and Beyond*

Friday, November 22, 2019

7:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Seaport Hotel • One Seaport Lane • Boston  
Plaza Ballroom – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

### Conference Agenda

**7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.**  
**Breakfast and Registration**

**8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.**  
**Introduction and Welcome**

*Lora Pellegrini, President & CEO, Massachusetts Association of Health Plans*

**8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**  
**Opening Remarks**

*Senate President Karen Spilka (Confirmed)*

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Do Consolidation and Higher Costs Lead to Better Quality for Patients?**

*Austin Frakt, Ph.D., Health Economist, Associate Professor, Boston University of Public Health; Adjunct Associate Professor, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health; Regular Contributor, The New York Times (Confirmed)*

**10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**  
**Break & Refreshments**

**10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**  
**The Affordable Care Act at a Crossroads**

*Avik Roy, President, Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity (Confirmed)*

*John McDonough, DrPH, MPA, Professor of Public Health Practice in the Department of Health Policy & Management, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (Confirmed)*

*Moderator: Jim Braude, Host, WGBH Greater Boston; Co-Host, 89.7 WGBH's Boston Public Radio (Confirmed)*

**11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Meeting the Cost Growth Benchmark – Where do we go from here?**

**A Fireside Chat with Stuart Altman and Secretary Marylou Sudders:**

*Stuart Altman, Ph.D., Chair, Health Policy Commission, Sol C. Chaikin Professor of National Policy, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University (Confirmed)*

*Marylou Sudders, Secretary, Executive Office of Health and Human Services (Confirmed)*

*Moderator: John Freedman, MD, MBA, President, Freedman HealthCare (Confirmed)*

**12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.**  
**Lunch Break**

**12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**A Father's Response to the Opioid Addiction Crisis**

*Gary Mendell, Founder & CEO, Shatterproof (Confirmed)*

**1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

**Opioid Addiction Crisis Reactor Panel – TBD**

**2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

**A View of the Marketplace: The State & Stakeholders Respond**

**Chris Carlozzi**, Massachusetts State Director, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) (Confirmed)

**Robert Coughlin**, President and CEO, Massachusetts Biotechnology Council (Confirmed)

**Paul Hattis, MD**, Greater Boston Interfaith Organization; Associate Professor of Public Health and Community Medicine, Tufts University School of Medicine (Confirmed)

**Ellen Murphy Meehan**, President, Murphy Meehan Strategies (Invited)

**David Seltz**, Executive Director, Health Policy Commission (Confirmed)

**Steve Walsh**, President & CEO, Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association (Invited)

Moderator: **Jim Braude**, Host, WGBH Greater Boston; Co-Host, 89.7 WGBH's Boston Public Radio (Confirmed)

**3:00 p.m.**

**Wrap Up**

**Lora Pellegrini**, President & CEO, Massachusetts Association of Health Plans