

Special Commission on Provider Price Variation

September 13, 2016

Agenda

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Membership of Commission

Representative Jeffrey Sánchez	Representative, Massachusetts House of Representatives (co-chair)
Senator James T. Welch	Senator, Massachusetts State Senate (co-chair)
Karen Tseng, Health Care Division Chief	Massachusetts Attorney General
Secretary Kristen Lepore	Administration & Finance
Secretary Marylou Sudders	Health & Human Services
Dr. Roberta Herman, Executive Director, Group Insurance Commission	Group Insurance Commission
Steve Walsh, President & CEO, Massachusetts Council of Community Hospitals	Massachusetts Council of Community Hospitals
Lora Pellegrini, President & CEO, Massachusetts Association of Health Plans	Massachusetts Association of Health Plans
Deborah Devaux, Chief Operating Officer, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts
Lynn Nicholas, President & CEO, Massachusetts Hospital Association	Massachusetts Hospital Association
John Fernandez, President & CEO, Massachusetts Eye & Ear	Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals
Legislative Appointments	
Dr. Stuart Altman, Brandeis University	Appointee of the Senate President
Rick Lord, President & CEO, Associated Industries of Massachusetts	Appointee of the Speaker of the House
Dr. Howard Grant, President & CEO, Lahey Health	Appointee of the Minority Leader of the Senate
Majority Leader Ronald Mariano, House of Representatives	Appointee of the Minority Leader of the House
Gubernatorial Appointments	
Dr. Richard Frank, Harvard Medical School Department of Health Care Policy	Health Economist
Kate Walsh, President & CEO, Boston Medical Center	Representative of a High-Medicaid & Low-Income Public Payer DSH
Mark Goldstein, President & CEO, Anna Jaques Hospital	Representative of a Hospital with 200 Beds or Less
Dr. David Torchiana, President & CEO, Partners Healthcare	Representative of a Hospital with 800 Staffed Beds or More
Tyrek Lee, Executive Vice President, SEIU 1199	Person with Expertise in Representing Health Care Workforce, Labor Leader
Steve Carey, Vice President of Human Resources, Polar Beverages	Representative of Employer with More than 50 Employees
Connie Englert, Principal & Managing Director, TrueNorth Transit Group, LLC	Representative of Employer with Less than 50 Employees
Greg P. DeConciliis, President, MA Association Ambulatory Surgical Centers	Representative of an Ambulatory Surgical Center

State Ethics

- ▶ For the duration of this Commission, members are considered state employees for the purpose of the state's Conflict of Interest laws.
- ▶ Please review the handout we have provided.
- ▶ If you have any questions, please reach out to the State Ethics Commission at 617-371-9500.

- ▶ Additionally, this Commission is not subject to Open Meeting Law or Public Records Law.

Background on Provider Price Variation



Commission Mission Statement

The purpose of this Commission is to substantially advance the dialogue on provider price variation in Massachusetts and to make recommendations to address unwarranted price variation, where appropriate. Commission members have been chosen because of their unique perspectives, backgrounds, and expertise. Over the course of several meetings, the Commission shall examine a range of factors that affect provider payment rates and shall discuss both unwarranted and warranted variation. In addition, the Commission shall investigate transparency initiatives, explore possibilities to foster greater competition in the market, and discuss ideas related to state monitoring that could alleviate unwarranted price variation. The Commission shall report on the results of their discussions.

Commission Subcommittees

- ▶ There will be 3 subcommittees.
 - ▶ Transparency Subcommittee
 - ▶ Market Forces Subcommittee
 - ▶ State Monitoring Subcommittee
- ▶ Subcommittee agendas will be based on discussions in full commission meetings with a specific focus on solutions and action-oriented policy ideas.
- ▶ Meeting summaries from each subcommittee will be provided to all Commission members prior to the next full Commission meeting.
- ▶ Staff will be on hand to support these meetings.

Subcommittee Descriptions

- ▶ **Transparency**
 - ▶ This committee will explore solutions related to transparency in relation to price variation.
- ▶ **Market Forces**
 - ▶ This committee will explore ideas that seek to increase competition in the health care market.
- ▶ **State Monitoring**
 - ▶ This committee will examine the current and potential role of the state.

Subcommittee Assignment

- ▶ Each Commission member will select one subcommittee.
- ▶ Subcommittee selection will be first come, first serve at a predetermined date and time using an electronic survey tool.
- ▶ You will be able to sign up for subcommittees on **Tuesday, September 20th at 9:00am.**
- ▶ Chairs of the Commission, Representative Sánchez & Senator Welch, will select one member of each subcommittee to chair that subcommittee.

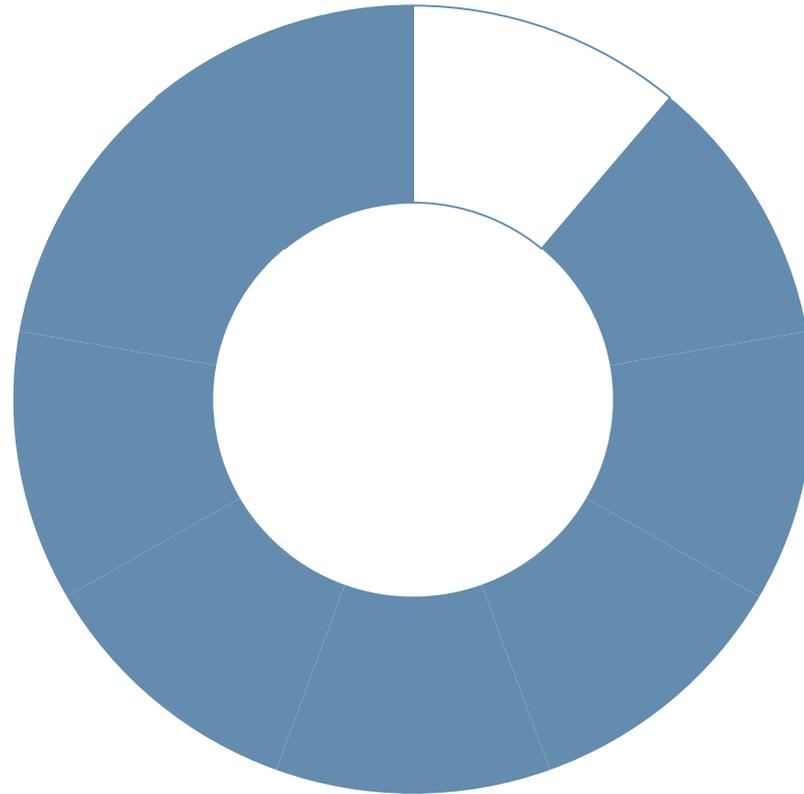
Commission Work Plan

- ▶ Timeline
 - ▶ September 13, 2016 – March 15, 2017
- ▶ Guest/Expert Speakers
- ▶ Engagement of Subcommittees & Stakeholders
 - ▶ Subcommittee meetings
 - ▶ Tuesdays or Thursdays at 11:00am
 - ▶ Public hearing on January 17th, 2017
- ▶ Written Report due March 15, 2017

Next Steps

- ▶ You will be able to sign up for subcommittees on Tuesday, September 20th at 9:00am.
- ▶ Upcoming Commission Meetings:
 - ▶ October 11, 2016
 - ▶ 11:00am – 2:00pm at 1 Ashburton Place, 21st Floor
 - ▶ November 1, 2016
 - ▶ 11:00am – 2:00pm at 1 Ashburton Place, 21st Floor
- ▶ Information about upcoming meetings can be found on the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing website.
 - ▶ Click on the tab labeled “Documents”

The Commission's Report is due in...



182
days

8
meetings

6
subcommittee
meetings