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MASSACHUSETTS HEALTH POLICY FORUM

Impacts on Medicaid Cuts on Western Massachusetts

Tuesday, October 28, 2025, 8:30 – 11:50 a.m.

UMass Amherst Fine Arts Center

Agenda

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION

9:00 – 9:10 a.m.

WELCOME

Andrew Dreyfus, Chair, The Massachusetts Health Policy Forum
The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University

Anna Maria Siega-Riz, PhD, Dean and Professor, School of Public Health and
Health Sciences, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Moderator: Audrey Shelto
President and CEO, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation

9:10 – 10:10 a.m.

RESEARCH PRESENTATION

Kaitlyn Kenney Walsh, PhD, Vice President of Policy and Research,
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation

Audience Q&A

10:10 – 10:25 a.m.

BREAK

10:25 – 11:40 p.m.

REACTOR PANEL

Mike Levine, Undersecretary, MassHealth

Tania Barber, MBA, President and Chief Executive Officer, Caring Health Center

Dean Sanpei, Chief Strategy and Administrative Officer, Baystate Health

Ilana Steinhauer, Executive Director and Clinical Director, Volunteers in
Medicine (VIM) Berkshires

Audience Q&A

11:40 – 11:50 a.m.

CLOSING REMARKS

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