



Background Readings

Massachusetts Health Policy Student Forum 2013

Welcome to the *Massachusetts Health Policy Student Forum 2013* reading list! We are delighted that you will be joining us for this exciting two-day event. As you are aware, this forum is intended to educate all of you about how health policy is discussed, influenced, made and implemented in the Capitol.

In order to ensure that you are fully prepared for the event, we ask that you review the following articles related to health policy generally and materials that relate specifically to our cost containment and quality themes. These readings should stimulate interest and generate questions that you can ask of the legislators, staff and health policy officials during the forum. Several of the readings are long reports so you are encouraged to review the executive summaries and familiarize yourself with the rest of the material.

Background Reading Materials

1. Summary of Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012
2. State Exchange Profiles: Massachusetts
3. Medical Group Responses to Global Payment: Early Lessons From the Alternative Quality Contract; in MA
4. Private-Payer Innovation in Massachusetts: The Alternative Quality Contract
5. Health Care Costs and Spending in Massachusetts: A Review of the Evidence
6. Lessons from the Implementation of MASSACHUSETTS HEALTH REFORM
7. Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Strategies for Successful State Implementation of the Affordable Care Act

You can find these materials on our website at:

<http://masshealthpolicyforum.brandeis.edu/forums/student-forum-2013.html>