



## **Background Readings**

### **Massachusetts Health Policy Student Forum 2015**

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Welcome to the Massachusetts Health Policy Student Forum 2015 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 provide direct insight to the process of health policy making and implementation at the state level.

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. Private-Payor Innovation in Massachusetts: The Alternative Quality Contract
3. The Fiscal Year 2015 Budget for Masshealth and other Health Reform Programs
4. Re-forming Reform Part 2: Implementing the Affordable Care Act in Massachusetts
5. 2013 Cost Trends Report
6. The Massachusetts Prevention and Wellness Trust

**You can find these materials on our website at:**

<http://masshealthpolicyforum.brandeis.edu/forums/student-forum-2015.html>