Brief History

- 1977—Rate Setting Commission
- 1982—All Payer Rate Setting
- 1988—Universal health care law (*Dukakis*)
  - Hospital rates set at medical inflation + 3%
  - Employer mandate deferred until 1992
- 1991—Hospital deregulation
  - 1988 employer mandate repealed
- 2006—Chapter 58
- 2008—Chapter 305
- 2012—Chapter 224
Chapter 58, 2006 (model for PPACA)

- Expanded access—universal coverage goal
  - MassHealth (Medicaid) expansion
  - Established “Connector” health exchange
  - Insurance Market reforms
    - Guaranteed issue
    - Community rating
    - Risk pool consolidation

- “Shared responsibility”
  - Individual mandate
  - Employer requirements
Chapter 305, 2008

- Cost containment & delivery system improvements:
  - CPOE by 2012; Electronic medical records by 2015
  - Uniform billing & coding standards
  - Pharmaceutical gift ban
  - HAI reporting and ban on payments for “never events”
  - Drug detailing program
  - Health Care Workforce Center

- Created Special Commission on Health Care Payment System
  - 2009 report recommended global payment system and increased transparency
Chapter 224, 2012: Cost containment and quality improvement

- Payment and delivery system reforms
  - Health care cost growth cap
  - Alternative payments to replace fee-for-service
  - ACO incentives
  - MassHealth, GIC, Connector mandates

- Prevention and Wellness
  - Prevention & Wellness Trust ($60M over 4 years)
  - Wellness tax credit
  - Wellness guide
Chap. 224 (more)

- Integrated Care
  - All Payer Claims Database
  - HIE-HIT
  - Enhanced payments for PCPs
  - Safety net hospital initiative
- Malpractice reform—“cooling off period”
- Address market power
  - Health Policy Council market impact review
  - Attorney General investigation power
  - Insurance rate provisions, e.g., MLR caps
- Consumer engagement
  - Transparency information on prices, services
  - “Smart tier” plans
- Health Planning
DPH roles in 224 implementation

- Prevention and Wellness Trust
- Workplace Wellness tax credit & guide
- Health Planning
- Workforce Provisions
  - Primary care residency grant program
  - CHC loan forgiveness, etc.
  - Provider scope of practice regulatory changes
- Additional Regulatory reforms
  - Determination of Need
  - Limited Service clinics, etc.
- Boards, commissions, operational reorganizations