

**JOINT MEETING MINUTES:
COST TRENDS AND MARKET PERFORMANCE & QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS AND
PATIENT PROTECTION COMMITTEES**

Meeting of April 6, 2016

MASSACHUSETTS HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION

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IMPROVEMENT AND PATIENT PROTECTION COMMITTEES OF THE
MASSACHUSETTS HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION
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50 MILK STREET, 8TH FLOOR
BOSTON, MA 02114**

Docket: Wednesday, April 6, 2016 10:00-11:30 AM

PROCEEDINGS

The Massachusetts Health Policy Commission's Cost Trends and Market Performance (CTMP) Committee and Quality Improvement and Patient Protection (QIPP) Committee held a joint meeting on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at the Health Policy Commission, 50 Milk Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02114.

Committee members present included Dr. David Cutler (Chair, CTMP); Mr. Martin Cohen (Chair, CHICI); Dr. Carole Allen; Dr. Wendy Everett; Mr. Rick Lord; Mr. Ron Mastrogiovanni; Ms. Veronica Turner; Undersecretary Alice Moore, designee for Ms. Marylou Sudders, Secretary of Health and Human Services; and Ms. Lauren Peters, designee for Ms. Kristen Lepore, Secretary of Administration and Finance.

The slides for the day's meeting can be found [here](#).

ITEM 1: Approval of QIPP Minutes

Mr. Cohen asked for a motion to approve the minutes from March 23, 2016. **Dr. Allen** motioned to approve the minutes. **Dr. Everett** seconded the motion. The members voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Approval of CTMP Minutes

Dr. Cutler asked for a motion to approve the minutes from February 24, 2016. **Mr. Mastrogiovanni** motioned to approve the minutes. **Dr. Everett** seconded the motion. The members voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Dr. Marian Wrobel, Director of Research and Cost Trends, provided a regular update on HPC data activities.

Item 3: Public Listening Session on Out-of-Network Billing

Mr. Cohen stated that the meeting would begin with a listening session on out-of-network billing. He added that audience members could contribute via written or oral testimony.

Mr. Cohen directed people to view the HPC's policy brief on out-of-network billing, which can be found [here](#).

Ms. Katherine McCann, HPC Associate Counsel, provided a summary of the HPC's research regarding out-of-network billing.

Mr. Cohen began the listening portion of the meeting. A recording of the listening session can be found [here](#).

The following people provided comment:

- Michael Caljouw - Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts
- Claire McGowan – Health Law Advocates
- Alyssa Vangeli – Heath Care for All
- Eric Linzer – Massachusetts Association of Health Plans
- Rick Vail – Harvard Pilgrim Health Care
- Susan Randall-Johnson – Fallon Health
- Todd Whitecross – Tufts Health Plan
- Bonnie Gilbert – Greater Boston Interfaith Organization

Item 4: Discussion of Preliminary Findings from Oral Health Brief

Due to time limitations, Mr. Cohen tabled this agenda item.

Item 5: Schedule of Next Meeting (May 18, 2016)

Following the listening session, Mr. Cohen adjourned the meeting.