

Working Agenda (As of May 9, 2025)

Grand Traverse Resort

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

- 9:30 a.m.** **Conference Registration Desk opens**
Governors' Pre-function
- Noon** **Lunch available for MDHHS Meeting Guests**
- 12:30-1:45 p.m.** **Bimonthly Meeting for Medicaid Plans and MDHHS** *(By-invitation only)*
Mackinac Room
- 2:00-3:15 p.m.** **MI Health Link CEO Meeting** *(By-invitation only)*
- 3:15-4:45 p.m.** **Plan-Partner Networking Expo**
Michigan Ballroom, Lobby Level
- Moderator: Joseph Lentine, Jr.,** DENCAP Dental Plans and MAHP Summer Conference Chair, Detroit, MI
- Qualified Partners will have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with health plan executives to introduce themselves, market their services and products, and share what they can do to help create more value.
- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** **MAHP Medical, Pharmacy and QI Directors Meeting**
(MAHP Committee Members or invitation only)
Tower AB
- MAHP Board of Directors Meeting**
(MAHP Board Members or invitation only)
Mackinac Room
- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** **Opening Reception and Silent Auction with Partners in Exhibit Hall**
Governors' CDEF

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

All Wednesday sessions will be in Governors' AB.

7:30 a.m. **Conference Registration Desk opens and Continental Breakfast and Silent Auction with Partners in Exhibit Hall**
Governors' CDEF

8:30 a.m. **Welcome**
Melissa Holmquist, CEO, Upper Peninsula Health Plan and President, Michigan Association of Health Plans Board of Directors

8:45 a.m. **State of the MAHP and Introduction of Keynote Address**
Dominick Pallone, Executive Director, Michigan Association of Health Plans, Lansing, MI

9:00 a.m. **Keynote Address: What's Your "And"?: A People-Centric Approach to Leadership in Healthcare**
John Garrett

In a healthcare ecosystem shaped by innovation, regulation, and relentless pressure, leadership that values the *human* side of the workers has never been more essential. With his refreshing blend of corporate insight, comedic wit, and people-centric advocacy, John Garrett stands at the intersection of professionalism and passion—reshaping how we perceive culture, connection, and leadership across healthcare.

This one-of-a-kind keynote invites attendees to consider a powerful shift: from rigid professionalism to personal authenticity. Drawing on his own journey and years of research, John explores how health organizations—from executive teams to vendor partners and regulators—can foster trust, spark collaboration, and unlock engagement by embracing their "Ands": the outside-of-work passions that make us human.

Whether you lead a health plan, craft policy, drive innovation, or support the infrastructure of care, this keynote will inspire you to lead with curiosity, support your people holistically, and champion a more resilient, connected culture at organizations who value the worker as much as they value the work.

10:15 a.m. **Stretch Break**

10:30 a.m. **Partner Showcase Featured Presentation**

10:45 a.m. **Conversation with Michigan Leadership**
Moderator: Dominick Pallone, Executive Director, Michigan Association of Health Plans

Presenter: Megan Groen, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

11:30 a.m. **Adjourn**
Light lunch for non-golfers in Governors' Pre-function area.

Noon **Shotgun Golf Tournament**

A Taste of Traverse Wine Tour (Optional event; additional fee required.)

5:45-7:30 p.m. **Reception and Silent Auction in Exhibit Hall**
Governor's CDEF

Thursday, July 24, 2025

7:30 a.m. **Registration, Continental Breakfast and Silent Auction in Exhibit Hall**
Governors' CDEF

7:45-8:30 a.m. **Early Bird Workout**
Tanya Kuzminsky, RD, MHSA
Lundbeck and MAHP Conference Committee Member

9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction of Partner Showcase**
Governors' AB
Dominick Pallone, Executive Director, Michigan Association of Health Plans, Lansing, MI

Partner Showcase Featured Presentation

9:05 a.m. **General Session: Healing HIV-Related Trauma Through the Lens of Spirituality**
Governors' AB
Clarence Peeples, Public Health Project Coordinator-SEMHAC
City of Detroit, Detroit Health Department

This session will start the conversation around the possibility of helping people heal HIV-related trauma through the lens of Spirituality. It's meant to help people understand how their unhealed emotions rob them of the life that they truly want; by negatively influencing how they behave, the things they do and ultimately how they think. The presentation closes with tools to help people navigate their emotional landscape by journeying inwards and plugging in to their higher selves.

9:45 a.m. **Break in Exhibit Hall with Partners and Closing of Silent Auction**

Governors' CDEF

Coffee Break hosted by Morley Companies

Visit with our exhibitors while enjoying a healthy morning snack and place your final Silent Auction bids!

10:30-11:45 a.m.

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Concurrent Breakout #1: Mental Health Parity Outlook and Strategies for 2025

David Shillcutt, JD, Epstein Becker Green

Regulatory policy and enforcement are shifting rapidly in the Trump Administration, but the statutory requirements of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) are unlikely to change under the current Congress. Access challenges also persist for consumers seeking mental health and substance use disorder (MH/SUD) services. What are the priorities and best practices that health plans should focus on for mental health parity compliance in 2025? This session will cover:

- What are the key MH/SUD access and coverage issues that regulators are seeking to redress through parity enforcement, and what should carriers be doing to evaluate “comparability and stringency” for their own plans?
- How are policy and enforcement evolving under the current Department of Labor leadership, and what are key trends among state Departments of Insurance?
- How can health plans stop playing catch-up and build a self-sustaining parity compliance program?

Concurrent Breakout #2: IRA, 340B and High Impact Drugs - Mitigating Strategies Across Lines of Business

Presenters:

Mina Allo, Managing Director, Avalere

Emily Donaldson, Principal, Avalere

Margaret Scott, Principal, Avalere

The Inflation Reduction Act has brought significant changes to the Medicare Part D and B space - including changes to Part D redesign, capping out of pocket for beneficiaries, and directly negotiating drugs with manufacturers. This, coupled with an increase in high impact medications, has resulted in increased pressure to plan sponsors and has had an indirect effect across other lines of business and other government programs like 340B. Manufacturer adjustments based on recent federal policies including the IRA are spilling into Medicaid, including pricing strategy and pipeline changes, prompting Medicaid agencies to adjust strategies and asking health plans to conform. How plans can create strategies to mitigate the growth in plan liability and high

impact drugs, while remaining competitive, will be discussed during this session.

- Noon** **MAHP Annual Awards Luncheon**
Michigan Ballroom, Lobby Level
Presentation of Pinnacle, Ellis J. Bonner, Eugene Farnum, Presidential Merit, Legislative, PAC and Golf Awards.
- 1:15 p.m.** **Partner Showcase Featured Presentation**
Governors' AB
- 1:25-2:30 p.m.** **Michigan Legislative Panel**
Governors' AB
Moderator: Zoe Clark, Political Director, Michigan Public and Co-host, It's Just Politics

Panelists to be announced.
Michigan legislators will discuss the hot topics of the summer that may still be brewing in Lansing.
- 2:30 p.m.** **Break**
- 2:45-4:30 p.m.** **Private Reception with Health Plans, Legislators and Invited Partners**
- 5:00 p.m.** **Buses depart Grand Traverse Resort for Traverse City Opera House**
- 5:30-8:30 p.m.** **Anniversary Celebration: 40 Years of the Michigan Association of Health Plans Conference**
40th Anniversary Partner: WEX, Inc.

Friday, July 25, 2025

All Friday sessions will be held in Governors' AB.

8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast
Governors' Pre-function area

9:00-10:15 a.m.

Welcome and General Session: State Regulators Speak: Aligning Oversight with Industry Transformation

Moderator: Jonathan Shiflett, Director of Government Relations, Priority Health

Michigan Department of Financial Services Panelists:

Anita Fox, Director

Julie Merriman, Director, Office of Insurance Rates and Forms

Joseph Sullivan, Director, Office of Innovation & Research

Join key members of Michigan's Department of Insurance and Financial Services team for a panel discussion on collaboration, compliance, and innovation in the evolving healthcare landscape. This session will explore current regulatory priorities, industry challenges, and shared strategies for improving health coverage access, affordability, and accountability. Gain insights into policy trends, regulatory expectations, and opportunities for partnership between regulators and plans to serve Michigan better.

10:15 a.m.

Stretch Break

10:30 a.m.

General Session Panel: Michigan Managed Care: Shaping the Next 40 Years

MAHP's member health plans have made great strides and expanded managed care principles in Michigan's health care delivery system for four decades. What does the future hold for the next 40 years? Will the increased market share of self-insured lives drive narrower networks? Will future universal health care discussions involve competition and choice? Will government programs continue to accept, embrace, and advance managed care principles?

11:30 a.m.

Final Prize Drawing and Adjourn