

Health Care for Maine HC4ME

8th Annual Health Care for Maine Conference

Working Together to Preserve Health Care Access

Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

AGENDA

- 9:00 – 9:15 **Introduction and Welcome Remarks**
- [Ann Woloson](#), Executive Director, Consumers for Affordable Health Care
- 9:15 – 10:00 **Keynote Address**
- [Anthony Wright](#), Executive Director, Families USA
- 10:00 – 10:45 **Plenary: How New Federal Changes will Affect Coverage and Access in Maine**
- [Jeanne Lambrew](#), Director of Health Care Reform and Senior Fellow, The Century Foundation
 - [Michelle Probert](#), MaineCare Director, State of Maine
 - [Hilary Schneider](#), Director, Maine Office of the Health Insurance Marketplace
- 10:45 – 11:00 **Morning Break**
- 11:00 – 12:30 **Gubernatorial Candidate Forum – Vision for Health Care Access in Maine**
- Moderator: [Lee Umphrey](#), Board Chair, Consumers for Affordable Health Care | President and CEO of Eastern Maine Development Corporation
- Confirmed Participants:**
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| The Honorable Shenna Bellows | The Honorable James Delmas Libby |
| The Honorable Richard Bennett | Owen McCarthy |
| Kenneth A Capron | Alexander Kenneth Murchison |
| Jason Seth Cherry | Kenneth Forrest Pinet |
| John Michael Glowa, | The Honorable Hannah Pingree |
| The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson | Robert J Wessels |
- 12:30 – 1:30 **Lunch, Networking**
- Recognition of Barbara Leonard, Health Care Hero
- 12:30 – 12:45 **Media/Press availability** with Anthony Wright, [Families USA](#) and Vincent DeMarco, [Maryland Health Care for All](#)
- 1:30 – 3:00 **Workshops** (*see back for details*)
- **Tackling Rising Health Care Costs**
 - **Engaging Consumers in Health Care Advocacy**
 - **Initiatives to Improve Access to Primary, Behavioral, and Oral Health Care**
 - **Critical Enrollment Updates for Maine Enrollment Assisters and Navigators**
- 3:00 – 3:30 **Wrap Up**

Tackling Rising Health Care Costs

- Marti Hooper, Actuary, Maine Bureau of Insurance
- Meg Garratt-Read, Director, Maine Office of Affordable Health Care
- Vincent DeMarco, President, Maryland Health Care for All
Update on Maryland's Prescription Drug Affordability Board
- Sharon Treat, Board Member, Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board

Engaging Consumers in Health Care Advocacy

- Patty Kidder, Maine People's Alliance
- Bridget Quinn, Associate State Director of Advocacy and Outreach, AARP
- Sana Osman, Member Engagement Manager at the Office of MaineCare
- Allina Diaz, Organizing Director, Maine Equal Justice

Initiatives to Improve Access to Primary, Behavioral, and Oral Health Care

- James Jarvis, MD, President-Elect, Maine Medical Association
- Leslie Lorentzen, Workforce Program Manager, Maine Primary Care Association
- Tina Chapman, Senior Engagement Officer, Kennebec Behavioral Health
- Carla Stockdale, LCSW, Clinical Director, Kennebec Behavioral Health

Critical Enrollment Updates for Maine Enrollment Assisters and Navigators

- Helen Roy, Outreach and Education Coordinator, Consumers for Affordable Health Care
- Patty Lovell, Health Care Program Manager, Western Maine Community Action Program
- Hilary Schneider, Director, Maine Office of the Health Insurance Marketplace
- Tierney Beauregard, Policy and Research Coordinator, Maine Office of the Health Insurance Marketplace