

## TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026

**10:30 A.M.**

**Conference Registration Desk opens**

*Governors' Pre-function area*

**NOON**

**Lunch available for MDHHS Meeting Guests**

**12:30 - 1:45 P.M.**

**MDHHS Bimonthly Meeting**

*(By-invitation only)*

*Mackinac Room*

**2:00 - 3:15 P.M.**

**MDHHS MICH CEO Meeting**

*(By-invitation only)*

*Tower Ballroom*

**3:15 - 4:45 P.M.**

**Plan-Partner Networking Expo**

*(Closed event: Pre-qualified partners and plan members only)*

**MODERATOR: Dawn Dorsch, DENCAP Dental Plans and MAHP Annual Conference Chair**

**5:00 - 7:00 P.M.**

**MAHP Medical, Pharmacy and QI Directors Meeting**

*(By-invitation only)*

*Tower AB*

**MAHP Board of Directors Meeting**

*(By-invitation only)*

*Mackinac Room*

**7:00 - 9:00 P.M.**

**Opening Reception and Silent Auction with Partners in Exhibit Hall**

*Governors' CDEF*

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026

*All Wednesday sessions will be in Governors' AB.*

**7:30 A.M.**

**Conference Registration Desk opens, Breakfast Buffet 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**

**8:40 A.M.**

**State of the MAHP**

**Dominick Pallone, Executive Director, Michigan Association of Health Plans**

**8:50 A.M.**

**Keynote Address: Strong Alone. Better Together. Unlocking Possibility Together**

**Sebastian Terry, 100 Things, Keynote Speaker**

The greatest achievements come through connection, not action alone. Seb Terry's Me, You, Us framework shows leaders and teams how to harness human connection to strengthen culture, accelerate performance, and unlock collective potential. Blending storytelling, research, and practical strategies, his keynote will reveal how connection transforms individuals into unstoppable teams capable of extraordinary results together.

**10:00 A.M.**

**Stretch Break**

**10:15 A.M.**

**Partner Showcase Presentation: Navitus Health Solutions**

**10:30 A.M.**

**The Aftershocks of H.R. 1**

**MODERATOR: Kenyata Rogers**, Chief Operating Officer, Aetna Better Health of Michigan

**PANELISTS:**

**Craig Kennedy**, President and CEO, Medicaid Health Plans of America

**Brian Peters**, CEO, Michigan Health and Hospital Association

**Josh Rekula**, Senior Consulting Actuary I, Wakely

**Monique Stanton**, President and CEO, Michigan League for Public Policy

As Michigan continues to brace for the many policy, operational, and financial fallouts of last year's House of Representatives' Bill 1 (H.R. 1) states are reacting and implementing changes that will have long-term impacts on our state's Medicaid program. Listen to key stakeholders discuss the impact of these changes, what's next, how best to assist enrollees with these changes, and how to help isolate Michigan from future federal changes that may have negative consequences for Michigan's most vulnerable populations.

**11:20 A.M.**

**Adjourn**

Light lunch available in Governors' Pre-function area. Golfer's lunch on your cart.

**NOON**

**Shotgun Golf Tournament**

*(Optional event; additional fee required)*

**12:30 P.M.**

**Hops and Vines Tour**

*(Optional event; additional fee required)*

**1:00 - 4:00 P.M.**

**Pickleball Mix & Mingle**

*Indoor Health Club*

*(Optional event; additional fee required)*

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**Jukebox Health**

**5:45 - 7:30 P.M.**

**Reception and Silent Auction in Exhibit Hall**

*Governors' CDEF*

**THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026**

**7:30 - 8:00 A.M.**

**Registration Desk Open and Early Bird Workout**

**Tanya Kuzminsky, RD, MHSA**

*Lundbeck and MAHP Conference Committee Member*

**8:00 - 8:55 A.M.**

**Breakfast Buffet and Silent Auction in Exhibit Hall**

*Governors' CDEF*

**9:00 A.M.**

**Welcome**

*Governors' AB*

**Dominick Pallone**, Executive Director, Michigan Association of Health Plans

**Partner Showcase Presentation: HealthEdge**

**9:15 A.M**

**Beyond the Ledger: The Bottom Line with Jen Flood**

*Governors' AB*

**PRESENTER: Jen Flood**, Budget Director, State of Michigan

State of Michigan Budget Director Jen Flood will share her thoughts and commentary about Michigan's budget, the Governor's effort to advance dedicated state revenue for Medicaid, and why future legislators, appropriators, and governors must continue to protect Medicaid funding in future budget years ahead.

**9:45 - 10:25 A.M.**

**Break in Exhibit Hall with Partners and Closing of Silent Auction**

*Governors' CDEF*

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

**10:25 A.M.**

**Silent Auction Closes**

Auction winners will be announced during the Annual Awards Luncheon.

**10:30 - 11:45 A.M.**

**Health Policy Insights from DC Insiders**

**MODERATOR: James Gelfand**, *President and CEO, the ERISA Industry Committee (ERIC)*

**PANELISTS:**

**James Brandell**, *Vice President, Global Government Policy, John Hancock*

**Amy Lotven**, *Editorial Director/Senior Reporter, Inside Health Policy*

**Megan Wilson**, *Author of the Health Brief newsletter, The Washington Post*

Do you want to know what health care policy experts who are reporting the news are predicting for the remainder of the Trump administration? Hear from leading health care policy experts, reporters, and lobbyists who are on the front lines, monitoring regulators and policymakers to gain insights into future federal health care policies.

**NOON**

**MAHP Annual Awards Luncheon**

*Michigan Ballroom, Lobby Level*

Announcement of the 2026 MAHP Foundation Pinnacle Award Winners

Presentation of the MAHP Ellis J. Bonner, Eugene Farnum, Presidential Merit, Legislative and Golf Awards

**1:30 P.M.**

**Partner Showcase Presentation: CoventBridge Group**

*Governors' AB*

**1:50 - 3:00 P.M.**

**Michigan Legislative Panel**

*Governors' AB*

**MODERATOR: Zoe Clark**, *Political Director, Michigan Public and Co-host, Just Politics*

**Panelists to be announced.**

Michigan legislators will discuss the hot topics of the summer that may still be brewing in Lansing.

**3:00 P.M.**

**Break**

**3:15 - 4:30 P.M.**

**Private Reception with Health Plans, Legislators and Invited Partners**

*Tower Ballroom*

**FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2026**

*All Friday sessions will be in Governors' AB.*

**8:15 A.M.**

**Breakfast Buffet**

*Governors' Pre-function area*

**Breakfast for Health Plans and State of Michigan**

*(By-invitation only)*

*Tower Ballroom*

## 9:00 - 10:15 A.M.

### Priorities of State Insurance Regulators

**MODERATOR: Anita Fox**, Director, Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services

**PANELISTS:**

**Elizabeth Dwyer**, Director, Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation

**Ann Gillespie**, Director, Illinois Department of Insurance

**Brian Webb**, Director, Health and Life Policy, National Association of Insurance Commissioners

What are the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' priorities for the next two years under a Trump Administration? What upcoming NAIC model laws and new state health insurance regulations should health care stakeholders be aware of? Insights will be gleaned from leading state insurance regulators across the country on NAIC priorities for upcoming regulatory changes in health insurance.

## 10:15 A.M.

### Stretch Break

## 10:30 A.M.

### Looking Back, Leading Forward: A Chat with Michigan Leadership

**MODERATOR: Dominick Pallone**, Executive Director, Michigan Association of Health Plans

**PRESENTER: Elizabeth Hertel**, Director, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (invited)

## 11:30 A.M.

### Final Prize Drawing and Adjourn

For information on things to do and places to eat in the Traverse City area:

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