



Midwestern Legislative Conference

THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

MLC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

InterContinental Saint Paul Riverfront | Saint Paul, Minnesota

Preliminary Agenda

Rep. Anna Moeller, Illinois, Co-Chair | Rep. Taylor Rehfeldt, South Dakota, Co-Chair | Rep. Brett Barker, Iowa, Vice Chair

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 | COMMITTEE MEETING | GREAT RIVER I AND IV, FIRST LEVEL

9:30 – 9:40 a.m. Introductions & Updates on Committee Work

9:40 – 10:30 a.m. **A New Era in Medicaid Policy and Finance: Key Considerations for Leaders**

States face critical challenges and questions about the future of this public health insurance system, particularly amid coming changes under federal law as well as overall trends in health spending and state fiscal conditions. What options and innovations are available to states? That question will be the focus of presentations and interactive discussions among legislators and policy experts.

Speaker: Robin Rudowitz, Senior Vice President and Director, Program on Medicaid and the Uninsured, KFF

10:30 – 11 a.m. Roundtable Legislative Discussion & Committee Business

OTHER SESSIONS ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES POLICY

MONDAY, AUGUST 31 | LEARNING LAB | KELLOGG II & III, LOBBY LEVEL

2-3 p.m. Mental Health Treatment and Related Policies

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 | PLENARY SESSION | MINNESOTA BALLROOM, LOWER LEVEL

9 – 10 a.m. **Healthcare and AI in 2026: From Novelty to Normalcy**

This year marks the transition of AI in healthcare from promising pilots to operational reality. In this talk, Dr. Robert Wachter, author of the new book, "A Giant Leap: How AI is Transforming Healthcare and What That Means for Our Future," offers a clear-eyed view of this inflection point: why the technology has matured enough to deliver on its promise, what obstacles remain for healthcare and tech leaders to navigate, and what it means as we collectively embark on what may be the greatest experiment in the history of medicine.

Speaker: Dr. Robert Wachter, Physician, Author, and Chair of the Department of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco

(See next page for additional sessions)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 | CONCURRENT SESSIONS

10:15 – 11:30 a.m. Healthcare Cost Containment

In this session, participants will learn about the factors driving up costs for health consumers, explore the role of state policy in controlling those costs, and discuss recent new laws and other strategies.

Speakers: *TBD*

Room: *Kellogg I, Lobby Level*

Healthcare Challenges and Opportunities for the Rural Midwest

The challenge of rural healthcare has been front and center of legislative discussions, as reflected in a new federal law that provides states with funding to transform their systems in areas such as workforce, technology advances, and provider payment models. This session will explore the role of public policy in shaping the future of rural healthcare.

Speakers: *TBD*

Room: *Great River I and IV, First Level*

Protecting the Privacy and Data of Consumers — in Healthcare and Beyond

Across the United States and Canada, and around the world, policymakers are being pressed for new privacy laws and regulations. This session will explore varying approaches. Privacy for health consumers will be one part of the discussion, providing a springboard for a discussion of protections across all marketplaces where individuals' information and data are commonly collected.

Speaker and Panelist: *Jordan Francis, Senior Policy Counsel, Future of Privacy Forum; and Rep. Steve Elkins, Minnesota*

Room: *Kellogg II and III, Lobby Level*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 | LEARNING SITE TOUR

10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Visit to the Minneapolis American Indian Center

As part of their visit, participants will learn how state and tribal leaders are collaborating on the Bright Beginnings pilot program, an early-intervention initiative that aims to prevent child welfare removal and reduce systemic barriers for families. These and many other critical services are provided at the center. The tour also will highlight innovative tribal-state programming and training. Additionally, participants will visit the center's museum (recently renovated thanks in part to state funding) and an Indigenous-inspired lunch for everyone.

Note: *Meeting attendees must register separately and in advance for this learning site visit. Contact CSG Midwest's Laura Kliewer to secure a spot: lkliwer@csg.org.*