



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; and Sean Slone, Public Policy Manager, The Council of State Governments*

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

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

3:15-4:15 p.m. Child Welfare Policy

(See back for additional sessions)

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 and what lies ahead for health leaders, consumers, and policymakers.

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 | CONCURRENT SESSIONS

10:15 – 11:30 a.m.

Healthcare Cost Containment

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 laws and other strategies.

Speakers: Randa Deaton, President and CEO, Employers' Forum of Indiana; and leaders from the Minnesota Affordability Advisory Task Force (speakers TBD)

Room: Kellogg I, Lobby Level

Healthcare Challenges and Opportunities for the Rural Midwest

Explore the future of rural healthcare and related state policies.

Speakers: TBD

Room: Great River I and IV, First Level

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

Learn about legislative trends and discuss options for policymakers looking to respond to constituents' concerns about privacy and how their data are being collected and used.

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.