



The Massachusetts  
Health Policy Forum



## Medicaid Prescription Drug Quality and Cost Management: Options, Opportunities and Progress

Friday, November 13, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Omni Parker House Hotel – Kennedy Room

60 School Street, Boston, MA

### AGENDA

**8:30 – 9:00 a.m.** Registration and Breakfast

**9:00 – 9:15 a.m.** *Welcome*

**Philip W. Johnston**, Chairman, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum and Board Member, Massachusetts Medicaid Policy Institute

**Robert Restuccia**, Executive Director, Community Catalyst

**9:15 – 9:45 a.m.** *The MassHealth Pharmacy Program: Implementation Report*

**Jeffrey Prottas**, Professor, Heller School, Brandeis University

**Cindy Thomas**, Associate Research Professor, Heller School, Brandeis University

**9:45 – 10:00 a.m.** *Break*

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** *Panel: Strategic Choices to Improve Drug Management and Prescriber Decision-Making*

**Moderator: Marcia Hams**, Director, Prescription Access and Quality, Community Catalyst

**Paul Jeffrey**, Pharmacy Director, Office of Medicaid

**Jerry Avorn**, Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Chief of the Division of Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacoeconomics, Brigham and Women's Hospital

**Paul Mendis**, Chief Medical Officer, Neighborhood Health Plan

**Alison Little**, Medical Director, Center for Evidence-based Policy, Drug Effectiveness Review Project, Oregon Health and Science University

*Questions*