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MHDC to Honor The Mass Collaborative and Four Participating Organizations with 2026 Dolores L. Mitchell Investing in Information Award

Massachusetts Medical Society, Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association, Massachusetts Association of Health Plans and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts to be recognized with the Collaborative

Cambridge, Mass. — November 16, 2026 — The Massachusetts Health Data Consortium (MHDC) today announced that The Mass Collaborative will receive the 2026 Dolores L. Mitchell Investing in Information Award for its sustained cross-sector leadership in simplifying health care administration across Massachusetts.

As part of the award, MHDC will also recognize four participating organizations whose leadership and sustained engagement have helped advance the Collaborative's work: the Massachusetts Medical Society, Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association, Massachusetts Association of Health Plans, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. MHDC will also recognize the individuals who have advanced this work on behalf of those organizations.

The recognition reflects the Collaborative's central premise: meaningful administrative simplification requires organizations with different perspectives and responsibilities to work together, invest time and expertise, and agree on approaches that can work across the health care system.

> *"The Mass Collaborative is a Massachusetts example of what can happen when health plans, hospitals, physicians and other partners commit to solving shared problems together. This recognition honors not only the Collaborative, but the organizations that have put leadership, expertise and resources behind the work and the individuals who have carried that commitment forward on their behalf."*
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> **— Denny Brennan, Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Data Consortium**

Turning Collaboration into Practical Solutions

The Mass Collaborative is a voluntary partnership of health plans, providers and trade associations focused on increasing efficiency, eliminating waste and promoting greater standardization in health care administration. Its work has addressed areas such as provider credentialing, eligibility verification, claims review and appeals, prior authorization, provider information changes and payer-provider communications.

The Collaborative was developed by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Association of Health Plans, MassHealth, the Massachusetts Health Data Consortium, the Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association, and the Massachusetts Medical Society, and has grown to include more than 35 payer, provider and trade association organizations.

Recognizing the Organizations Behind the Work

Massachusetts Medical Society

Theodore A. Calianos II, MD, Executive Vice President and CEO, and Yael Miller, Executive Director, Practice Solutions and Strategic Planning, are being recognized for leadership on behalf of the physician community and for the Society's sustained participation in efforts to reduce administrative burden and improve the experience of physicians and patients.

Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association

Michael Sroczynski, Interim President and CEO, and Karen Granoff, Senior Director, Payer Relations and Managed Care Policy, are being recognized for leadership on behalf of Massachusetts hospitals and health

systems and for the Association's commitment to cross-sector consensus-building and administrative simplification.

Massachusetts Association of Health Plans

Lora Pellegrini, President and CEO; Elizabeth Leahy, Esq., Senior Vice President of Advocacy and Engagement and Chief of Staff; and Alyson Durlin, Senior Policy Analyst are being recognized for the leadership they have provided on behalf of Massachusetts health plans in advancing practical, industry-wide approaches to administrative simplification and affordability.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts

Richard Lynch, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; Shane Rawson, Senior Director of Inter-Plan Programs and Shared Services; and Leah Dart, Senior Manager of Government and Regulatory Affairs, are being recognized for leadership on behalf of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts and for supporting collaborative approaches that improve operations, provider interactions and the member experience.

Together, these organizations and their representatives reflect the cross-sector commitment required to move administrative simplification from discussion to implementation and to create solutions that can benefit providers, health plans and patients across Massachusetts.

About the Award and Dolores L. Mitchell

Since 1996, MHDC's Investing in Information Awards have honored organizations and individuals that have invested capital, knowledge and leadership to use information to innovate health care delivery, technology, financing and policy. The award was renamed in 2013 in honor of longtime Consortium supporter and Board Member Dolores L. Mitchell, former Executive Director of the Group Insurance Commission for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Mitchell led the GIC for 29 years and became one of Massachusetts' most influential health care reform leaders, using data, purchasing power and payment incentives to advance quality, transparency, accountability and cost-conscious care. She will join MHDC at this year's Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon to personally present the award.

The award will be presented at the MHDC 2026 Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, December 15. The event is open to MHDC members and invited guests. For more information, visit the MHDC event page.

About The Mass Collaborative

The Mass Collaborative is a voluntary, open partnership of health plans, health care providers and trade associations dedicated to reducing complex and cumbersome health care administrative processes in Massachusetts. Its mission is to simplify and improve health care administration by increasing efficiency, eliminating waste and promoting standardization.

About the Massachusetts Health Data Consortium

Founded in 1978, the Massachusetts Health Data Consortium (MHDC) is a not-for-profit organization that convenes the Massachusetts health information community to advance multi-stakeholder health data collaboration. MHDC's members include payers, providers, industry associations, government agencies, technology and services companies, and consumers. MHDC supports education, data governance, standardization, interoperability and practical implementation across the health care ecosystem.

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