

# Health Care & Life Sciences Task Force

CHAIR: Mary Anne Heino, *Chief Executive Officer*, Lantheus Medical Imaging

## STATEMENT

The COVID-19 pandemic has yet again demonstrated how essential the innovation-based health care and life sciences sectors are as economic drivers in Massachusetts. Roundtable members believe that the Commonwealth must move towards a health care system that ensures access to quality health care, increases equity, promotes competition and invests in the future of the digital health economy.

## PRINCIPLES

The following have emerged as the three guiding principles for this legislative session, all informed by MBR's overarching themes of opportunity, equity & competitiveness.

- **OPPORTUNITY:** Re-imagine health care and long-term care delivery and innovative solutions (i.e. telehealth, research & development, supply chains) that creates a health system that is sustainable for hospitals and providers as well as a talent pipeline aligned with industry demand
- **EQUITY:** Understand that COVID-19 has highlighted and further exacerbated existing health disparities and work to ensure greater health access and equity, incorporating patient viewpoints, across the Commonwealth
- **COMPETITIVENESS:** Acknowledge the impact COVID-19 has had on the behavioral/mental health needs and caregiving needs of employees and their families and work with employers to provide behavioral/mental health supports

## POLICY PRIORITIES

The following policy priorities will be a central component of the Roundtable's advocacy this legislative session. This section will continue to be updated as additional priority areas arise.

- Develop strategies to support the mental health/behavioral health needs of employees
- Support talent pipelines and opportunity pathways that align with the changing needs of the industry
- Support policies that encourage the continued growth of the innovation economy throughout the Commonwealth
- Track and advocate for the importance of favorable regulatory environmental and permitting structures at local, state and federal levels



2021-22 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

**LEARN MORE**

Read the [Roundtable's full agenda for this legislative session.](#)