# Day at the Capitol Conference

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### CURRENT SPEAKERS

#### Amy Simon

MRCA President

#### Megan Blue

Senior Director Health Care Policy, MHA

#### Ben Frederick

Associate VP of Advocacy & Government Relations, Memorial Healthcare Owosso

#### Stephen Ryan

Attorney, Miller Johnson

#### Richard Hillary

Attorney, Miller Johnson

#### Elizabeth Johnson

Senior Director, Clinical Revenue Cycle IT, Michigan Medicine

#### Dominick Pallone

Executive Director, Michigan Association of Health Plans

#### Patrice Olivio

Billing Liason Program, Specialist Veterans Administration

**Friday, September 19, 2025**

### Agenda

**8:30 AM** – Registration and Breakfast

**9:00 – 9:15 AM** – Opening Remarks Speaker: Amy Simon

**9:15 – 10:00 AM** – Split Government Control Speaker: Megan Blue, MHA

**10:00 – 10:45 AM** – Be the Change: Leveraging Technical Expertise to Create Meaningful Reform Speaker: Ben Frederick, Memorial Healthcare, Owosso

**10:45 – 11:00 AM** – Break

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**11:00 – 11:45 AM** – Focus on Five Auto Related Topics Speakers: Stephen Ryan & Richard Hillary, Miller Johnson

**11:45 AM – 12:30 PM** – Lunch Break

**12:30 – 1:15 PM** – AI in Revenue Cycle

Speaker: Elizabeth Johnson, Michigan Medicine

**1:15 – 2:00 PM** – Health Plan Initiatives & Improving Provider Credentialing

Speaker: Dominic Pallone

**2:00 – 2:45 PM** – Overview of VA Claims Requirements Speaker: Patrice Olivio, Veterans Administration

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**$150, Includes Breakfast & Lunch ** **September 19, 2025 8:30 am - 3:00 pm ** **100 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing, MI 48909**

## WELCOME EVENT

We would love to see you at our welcome event Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 6:00 Lansing Shuffle: 325 Riverfront Drive, The Chef’s Table Meeting Space



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### Megan Blue

Megan Blue is Senior Director of Health Care Payer Policy at the Michigan Health and Hospital Association. Since joining the MHA in January 2024, Megan has focused on identifying trends in the payer space and developing strategic approaches to work alongside payers in elevating provider issue areas and concerns.

Prior to her role with the MHA, Megan served as Director of Government Relations for Corewell Health as well as Beaumont Health. In that role, Megan advanced the statewide agenda of Corewell Health’s 21 hospitals across Michigan at the local, state, and federal level. Previous to her roles in healthcare, Megan worked as a Legislative Director in the Michigan House of Representatives and abroad as a Uganda Program Officer with the Women’s Initiatives for Gender Justice in The Hague, the Netherlands.

Megan holds a BS in Political Science from Central Michigan University and a MS in International Relations and Diplomacy from Leiden University in the Netherlands.

Megan will be sharing insights on split government control. For the first time in recent history, Michigan’s legislature is under split partisan control — bringing both gridlock and opportunity. Join this session for an inside look at the current political landscape in Lansing, the status of key healthcare priorities, and how shifting dynamics at the national level are shaping state policy debates. This session will offer timely insights into how hospitals and the broader health care community can navigate, and influence, this complex environment.

### Ben Frederick

Ben Frederick has led government relations efforts at Memorial Healthcare, an independent community hospital in Owosso, as Associate Vice President of Advocacy since January of 2023. In this role, he represents the hospital’s interests in the community and at the state and federal levels working to develop partnerships and craft policies which promote access to high-quality healthcare, proper reimbursement levels and more common-sense regulation.

Ben previously served three terms as state representative representing Shiawassee County and portions of Saginaw County. During that time, he served as House Majority Floor Leader, the second ranking member of the House charged with establishing rules of decorum and setting the agenda for the chamber.

Prior to his election to the Legislature in 2016, Ben served as a legislative staff member for 14 years in both the Michigan House and Senate over which time he worked as a constituent relations aide, policy aide, policy chairman staff, and as chief of staff for a state senator. Locally, Ben served on the Owosso City Council for nine years and was the city’s youngest mayor, holding that office for three terms. He has volunteered in numerous capacities over the years and received many honors and awards for both his legislative work and volunteerism, most recently being recognized with the 2025 Healthcare Leadership Award from the Michigan Hospital Association.

Ben is a lifelong resident of Owosso where he resides with his wife Lydia and their two children.

**Be the Change: Leveraging Technical Expertise to Create Meaningful Reform**

As rapid change and disruption continues to be a daily reality in healthcare, it is more important than ever that technical experts steeped in revenue cycle processes communicate rapidly and effectively with their peers, government relations teams, associations and decision-makers. Frederick will discuss the importance of "early-warning" communication and coalition-based strategies in the present environment, while including tangible examples of effectiveness when blending technical expertise with persuasive advocacy.

### Dick Hillary & Stephen R. Ryan

Dick Hillary is a member of Miller Johnson and has been practicing law since 1999. He is a commercial litigator. Mr. Hillary represents a wide variety of business entities and individuals; including hospitals, physician groups, large and small corporations, and individuals in all facets of litigation. Before joining Miller Johnson, Mr. Hillary served as law clerk for the Honorable William B. Murphy of the Michigan Court of Appeals. He also serves on the firm’s management committee and as co-chair of the firm’s pro bono committee.

Stephen R. Ryan is a member of the firm and has been practicing law at Miller Johnson since 1987. He works with hospitals, health systems, physician groups and other medical providers on all issues affecting Revenue Cycle. Mr. Ryan is past chair of the firm’s Litigation Section and the founder and chair of the firm’s Med Recovery Group.

The Miller Johnson discussion will focus on five primary topics:

1. CURE Policy Rescission Litigation Update
2. Proposed Legislative Change: ANF Motorcycle Priority
3. Balance Billing After ANF Denials or Underpayments
4. Policy Cap Denials: Strategies for Challenging
5. DIFS Bulletin 2025-11-INS: Legacy Patients & Fee Caps (Pre-ANF Reform MVAs)

### Elizabeth Johnson - Coming Soon

AI in Revenue Cycle

### Dominick Pallone

Dominick Pallone is the Executive Director for the Michigan Association of Health Plans (MAHP), a Lansing based organization that represents 13 health plans in Michigan.

Prior to joining MAHP, Dominick was a Partner at Midwest Strategy Group, a multi-client lobby firm where he specialized in health care, state appropriations, Medicaid, higher education, transportation, and state procurement. He has also served as staff within the state House and Senate, most notably as Committee Clerk for the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Joint Capital Outlay Subcommittee.

Currently, Dominick volunteers his time by serving on the Board of the Michigan Transportation Connection and was appointed by Governor Snyder to the Michigan Municipal Services Authority Board.

Dominick earned his Bachelor’s Degree in International Relations from Michigan State University, James Madison College. During his academic years, he served on the NCAA Student Athlete Advisory Council representing Division 1 student-athletes.

Dominick will provide an update on Health Plan initiative, including an ongoing effort to streamline and improve the provider credentialing process.”

### Patrice Olivio

Patrice Olivio is a Billing Liaison Program Specialist at the Veterans Administration and has been with the VA for nine years, six of which have been in Community Care. She holds a bachelor's degree in healthcare administration. Patrice has two children and five grandchildren, who are the center of her world.

Patrice will provide a brief overview of VA claims requirements and will be glad to answer questions and address audience concerns.

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