

## Agenda: Health Care Affordability Advisory Task Force

Date: May 14, 2026, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Wilder Foundation – 451 Lexington Pkwy N, St. Paul, MN 55104  
Amherst H. Wilder Auditorium (Auditorium A)

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### Meeting Objectives

- Review the task force’s role and direction
- Continue defining policy directions for the non-value added spending and high and variable prices recommendation areas
- Provide an overview of insurance benefit design and value-based payments as potential ways to make health care more affordable in Minnesota

### Pre-Reads

- [Value-Based Care: What It Is, and Why It’s Needed \(https://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/explainer/2023/feb/value-based-care-what-it-is-why-its-needed\)](https://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/explainer/2023/feb/value-based-care-what-it-is-why-its-needed)
- [Redesigning Health Care Plans to Lower Costs \(https://www.rand.org/pubs/commentary/2025/04/redesigning-health-care-plans-to-lower-costs.html\)](https://www.rand.org/pubs/commentary/2025/04/redesigning-health-care-plans-to-lower-costs.html)
- [State Employee Plans and Value-Based Insurance Design — Connecticut and Minnesota \(https://nashp.org/state-employee-plans-and-value-based-insurance-design-connecticut-and-minnesota/#:~:text=VBID%20programs%20can%20encourage%20the%20use%20of,access%20to%20medications%20to%20manage%20chronic%20conditions\)](https://nashp.org/state-employee-plans-and-value-based-insurance-design-connecticut-and-minnesota/#:~:text=VBID%20programs%20can%20encourage%20the%20use%20of,access%20to%20medications%20to%20manage%20chronic%20conditions)

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1:00 – 1:10	Welcome and overview of agenda
1:10 – 1:40	Re-grounding: Role, direction, and the path ahead
1:40 – 2:25	Defining Policy Directions
2:25 – 2:35	Break
2:35 – 3:10	Insurance Benefit Design

## MEETING AGENDA

- 3:10 – 3:55            Value-Based Payment  
3:55 – 4:00            Closing and Next Steps

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