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Lahey Innovation Hub Joins MeHI's Sandbox Network



MeHI is proud to welcome the [Lahey Innovation Hub](#) to the Sandbox Network. By partnering with the hub, startups gain access to Lahey's world-class clinical experts, complex operational workflows and diverse clinical environments. The hub offers a unique validation environment for digital health innovators and industry collaborators. Eligible digital health startups can work with Lahey Innovation Hub through our [Rolling Grant Program](#) or [Sandbox Challenge Program](#).

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MeHI Offers Funding for FQHCs through New Program



SHINE-HT

STRONGER and HEALTHIER Communities Through
INTEGRATION of EMERGING HEALTH TECH

MeHI's Stronger and Healthier communities through INtegration of Emerging Health Tech (SHINE-HT) program is designed to help Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) in Massachusetts adopt healthtech solutions that support their workforce and improve care delivery.

MeHI is now soliciting proposals from FQHCs for the fiscal year 2026 SHINE-HT pilot. Applicants will identify one of the six use cases defined by MeHI that they want to implement and how it will help address their organization's current challenges and priorities. The selected FQHC will pick an organization from a list of pre-qualified Implementation Partners to lead the design and execution of the pilot implementation. The selected FQHC will also participate in a technology committee to research, evaluate and select a health technology solution that will be integrated directly into their EHR system to support their use case. The selected health center will receive \$80,000 in funding.

Applications for FQHCs are due Friday, Feb. 27.

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Save the Date: Primary Care Innovation Challenge Final Pitch Event



Photo from MeHI's 2025 AHM Challenge Final Pitch Event. Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers President and CEO Michael Curry is pictured at the right.

Save the date! Join MeHI on **Wednesday, June 3** at the Final Pitch Event for the [Primary Care Innovation Challenge](#). The event will bring together the brightest minds in the healthtech community to watch the Challenge startup finalists pitch their innovative solutions designed to support and sustain primary care. The event will also feature speakers and networking opportunities. More event details will be available in the coming weeks. The MeHI team looks forward to seeing you there.

Ecosystem Updates / Events

Advancing Fair and Effective AI for Older Adults

Join the [Massachusetts AI and Technology Center for Connected Care in Aging and Alzheimer's Disease \(MassAITC\)](#) today at 4:00 p.m. for their webinar, Advancing Fair and Effective AI for Older Adults. Featuring Coalition for Health AI (CHAI) Head of Policy and Research Lucy Orr-Ewing, the webinar will outline practical pathways for building equitable AI, including multimodal data integration, standardized validation, local testing and patient-centered deployment. It will conclude with a roadmap for developing trustworthy AI that meaningfully improves outcomes for aging populations.

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MIT Sloan Health Care Conference 2026

Join the [Massachusetts Institute of Technology \(MIT\) Sloan School of Management](#) on Friday, Feb. 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for its flagship health care conference that will bring together over 350 leaders across biopharma, digital health, venture capital (VC) and academia to explore how the health care ecosystem can evolve amid rapid change. The conference will focus on building a more resilient, equitable and adaptive future for health care.

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Health Care Cybersecurity News

Health Care Provider Cybersecurity Call: Thursday, Feb. 12

Join MeHI and the MassCyberCenter for the monthly Health Care Provider Cybersecurity Call on Thursday, Feb. 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Representatives from the Commonwealth Fusion Center will provide updates on recent cyber threats and trends.

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Bill to Strengthen Health Care Cybersecurity Reintroduced in the U.S. Senate

The Health Care Cybersecurity and Resiliency Act of 2025 is the product of a bipartisan health care cybersecurity working group established in 2023. Read more below.

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New Report: Health Care Breaches Doubled in 2025

The health care sector experienced twice as many breaches in 2025 as it did in 2024, according to a new [Fortified Health Security report](#). Ransomware attacks and third-party risk are behind the surge in breaches.

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Health Care AI News

Experts Weigh in on the Top Health Care AI Trends for 2026

Experts say health systems will continue deploying AI tools in 2026 while also managing a fragmented regulatory regime, with different AI laws across states adding complexity for health care organizations.

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OpenAI Acquires Health Care Startup to Build Out ChatGPT Health

[OpenAI](#) acquired [Torch](#), a healthcare startup that unifies lab results, medications and recordings from doctor visits. With this acquisition, the company continues to build out ChatGPT Health.

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In the News

Whoop Launches Massachusetts AI Coalition

Boston-based [Whoop](#), maker of a health and fitness wearable, has launched an AI coalition of over 16 companies representing the technology, manufacturing,

BBJ Announces 2026 Innovators in Health Care

The Boston Business Journal (BBJ) recently selected its Innovators in Health Care honorees, dividing them into six categories including researcher, entrepreneur and health equity champion.

IntelyCare Acquires CareRev

Boston-based [IntelyCare](#), a tech-enabled health care staffing platform, announced the acquisition of [CareRev](#). This brings together two of the industry's most experienced health care

health care, consumer and industrial sectors.

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EOED Announced New MeHI Sandbox Network Partner at Advancing Healthcare Through AI Event

In Dec. 2025, the Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) Undersecretary Zenobia Moochhala announced the Lahey Innovation Hub as the newest member of MeHI's Sandbox Network. During the event, hosted by the [Lahey Innovation Hub](#) in collaboration with the [Middlesex 3 Coalition](#), MeHI also showcased the team's the great work, and Massachusetts AI Hub Director Sabrina Mansur spoke on the Building the AI-Ready Care Community panel.



Click below to watch the Lahey Innovation Hub's video recap of the event.

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Career Opportunities

Digital Health Job of the Month

Framingham-based [Definitive Healthcare](#) is seeking a [senior data scientist](#).

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Health IT Job of the Month

[Cambridge Health Alliance](#) is looking for a [senior network engineer](#).

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