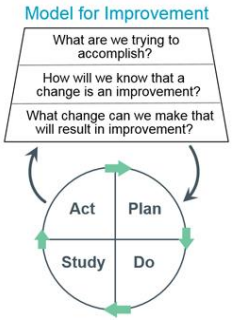



HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY




**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Name: Q1 Medicaid Advisory Committee Meeting**
**Date: Monday, February 3, 2025**
**Location: 1474 Rodeo Rd. Santa Fe, NM (1st Floor Conference Room)**

| Time | Agenda Item | Facilitator |
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| 1 pm | Welcome | MAC Chairperson; Larry Martinez |
| 1:05 | Introductions | MAC Chairperson; Larry Martinez |
| 1:08 | Meeting Protocols | Dana Flannery; Medicaid Director |
| 1:10 | Agenda/Minute and Approval | MAC Chairperson; Larry Martinez |
| | **Call to Order**<br>• **Time: 1:00**<br>• **Called to Order by:** Larry Martinez<br>  ○ Motion to Approve by:<br>  ○ Seconded by:<br>**Approval of Previous Minutes**<br>• **Date of Last Stakeholder Meeting: November 4, 2024**<br>• **Summary of Changes/Corrections (if any):** In the section on Value Based Programs. It should read: " Larry Shandler: For PCPs in independent practice,----. It should not read 85% of PCPs are independent practice.<br>• **Approval Status:**<br>  ○ Motion to Approve by: Joseph Sanchez<br>  ○ Seconded by: Laurence Shandler<br>  ○ Outcome: Approved with Amendments | |
| 1:15 | Medicaid Director Welcome | Dana Flannery; Medicaid Director |
| 1:20 | Medicaid 101 | Dana Flannery; Medicaid Director,<br>Alanna Dancis; Chief Medical Officer |
| | • Reviewed “10 Things to Know About Medicaid” and provided an overview of federal funding (FMAP).<br>• FY26 budget projects 1% enrollment growth; HCA is modeling multiple funding scenarios due to ongoing federal funding uncertainty.<br>• Key cost drivers include MCO capitation rates and eligibility shifts; provider data is drawn directly from the Medicaid registry, not MCOs.<br>**Key Discussions:**<br>• Potential federal match rate reductions may require increased state funding. | |

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| | • Stakeholders expressed concern over payment delays, provider reimbursement issues, and turnover in state agencies.<br>• HCA emphasized preparedness, regular communication with leadership, and willingness to address issues with stakeholder input.<br>**Comments:**<br>• Strong appreciation for HCA's calm approach and transparency.<br>• Call for accurate data reporting and better support for providers, including timely payments and consideration of legislative solutions. | |
| | Performance Measures | Kathy Leyba, Quality Bureau Chief |
| | • Highlighted improvements in access, quality, and timeliness of care.<br>• **Key Metrics:**<br>  ○ **Well-child visits:** 10% above the national average.<br>  ○ **Immunizations:** NM now exceeds national averages—previously a long-standing challenge.<br>  ○ **Diabetes screening** and **antidepressant management** were retired or revised under Turquoise Care.<br>**Stakeholder Feedback:**<br>• Nancy Rodriguez emphasized the value of transparency around performance metrics and expressed interest in knowing where improvements are still needed.<br>• Kathy Leyba noted a public scorecard is available online, with comparisons to national and regional benchmarks.<br>**Commendations:**<br>• Larry Martinez acknowledged HCA's significant progress, especially in childhood immunizations. | |
| 1:55 | Legislative Address | Dana Flannery; Medicaid Director |
| | Dana Flannery Encouraged members to suggest priority issues and new ways to bring items to the MAC agenda, reinforcing the MAC's advisory role.<br>**Key Points:**<br>• **Behavioral Health Trust Fund:** $1B fund discussed; included in HCA fiscal review.<br>• **MCO Oversight:** Public MCO performance report cards are available. Dana invited specific contract concerns for follow-up.<br>• **Legislation & Policy Concerns:**<br>  ○ HB78 (340B drug pricing) flagged by Nancy Rodriguez.<br>  ○ Waiver bills for behavioral health (HB7E) and trust fund support highlighted by stakeholders.<br>  ○ Rick Madden- Bill for Medicaid trust fund- would be instrumental 3 years from now if we fund it today.<br>• **Provider Inclusion:** Carolyn Montoya urged inclusion of Nurse Practitioners in payment updates.<br>• **Oversight:** Andrew Peterson noted multiple audits affirming strong HCA accountability. | |
| 2:15 | BAC Next Steps | Joshua Nelson; Strategic Operations Manager |
| | **Key Points:**<br>• Bylaws under review with OGC; MAC will review prospective BAC members. | |

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| | • Public nominations are encouraged; outreach includes a one-pager and online communications.<br>• Larry Martinez highlighted enthusiasm from prenatal care stakeholders and tapping resources from people with true experience, and praised the subcommittee's impact. | |
| 2:20 | Subcommittee Warmup | Joshua Nelson; Strategic Operations Manager |
| | • Nancy Rodriguez suggested including external stakeholders in subcommittees. | |
| 2:30 | Financial Update | Elisa Walker-Moran; Chief Financial Officer |
| | **Key Points:**<br>• FY26 budget includes $52.6M increase in general fund request.<br>• Over $1B reverted due to increased federal support during Public Health Emergency.<br>• Enrollment projected to grow 1% beginning February. | |
| 2:45 | Justice Re-Entry Update | Jeanelle Romero; CEB Bureau Chief |
| | **Key Points:**<br>• Workgroup expanded to include NMCD and county facilities.<br>• Readiness assessments required for providers; large facilities show strong interest.<br>• Carol Luna- Anderson highlighted that case management for reentry should include housing and food support.<br>• Stakeholders highlighted rural facility engagement and housing challenges.<br>• Andrew Peterson suggested adding a DOC member to MAC; Larry Martinez called this initiative one of HCA's most promising. | |
| 2:55 | 1915c Waiver | Christie Guinne; ESPB Bureau Chief |
| | • Conduent- Retroactive payment increases now in place.<br>• Slide update: Date should read September 30, 2025 | |
| 3:05 | 1115 Waiver Programs | Alanna Dancis; Chief Medical Officer |
| | • Programs: **Medical Respite** (pilot open) and **Food is Medicine** (launches July).<br>• HCA completed all waiver steps ahead of schedule.<br>• Post-respite housing supported via vouchers.<br>• Programs designed for expansion to additional populations.<br>• **Stakeholder Support:** Gary Housepian- excited about medical respite, Larry Martinez- these are the first steps to resolving persistent problems. | |
| 3:15 | Cara Update | Alanna Dancis; Chief Medical Officer |
| | • New Turquoise Care initiative for infants with enhanced care coordination.<br>  ○ All infants have higher level of care coordination, shorter timelines, and transition out of the program<br>• **Stakeholder Input: Larry Shandler**- Bills in legislature may affect program scope. **Andrew Peterson** praised the progress of the program and HCA's efforts. He | |

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| | noted participation is still low and encouraged more outreach by nonprofits to raise awareness and support access to care. | |
| 3:25 | Public Comment | MAC Chairperson; Larry Martinez |
| | • **Nat Dean:** Flagged confusion with meeting links and highlighted legislation: BH bills, group home licensing, and provider shortages.<br>• **JC Moore (Chiropractor):** Concerns regarding the early implementation of the Medicaid State Plan Amendment to reimburse chiropractic services.<br>- Reported issues include enrollment difficulties via the state website, inconsistent implementation by MCOs, and claim denials not aligned with program guidelines. Expressed interest in greater inclusion of chiropractic voices in MAC discussions and subcommittees to improve communication and program development.<br>• **Andrew Peterson:** Offered personal follow-up on chiropractic feedback.<br>• **Charles Canada:** Opened door for ongoing communication and concerns. | |
| 3:50 pm | Meeting Adjournment | MAC Chairperson; Larry Martinez<br>Rick Madden 1st<br>Megin Lorrino 2nd<br>Adjourned 3:45 |