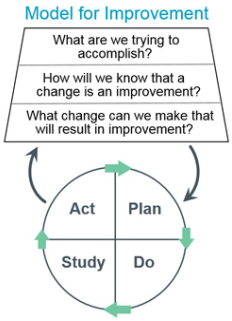


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Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Meeting Name: Q3 Medicaid Advisory Committee Meeting
Date: Monday, August 4, 2025- 1:00PM MST
Location: 1474 Rodeo Rd. Santa Fe, NM (1st Floor Conference Room)
Microsoft Teams: Meeting ID: 242 704 274 747 3 **Passcode:** UF34dB7V

Time	Agenda Item	Facilitator
1:00	Welcome	Larry Martinez, MAC Chairperson
• Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm • The Chair welcomed MAC members and BAC representatives. Introduced Trisstin Maroney as the new staff support for MAC.		
1:05	Introductions	Larry Martinez, MAC Chairperson
1:08	Meeting Protocols	Trisstin Maroney, Innovation Program Manager
• Reminded members to raise their hand in person and the Teams function "raise hand" for comments and questions. Members should state their name and organization before speaking. Avoid acronyms for clarity to everyone present who may not know the acronym. Public comment will be at the end of the meeting.		
1:10	Agenda & Minutes Approval	Larry Martinez, MAC Chairperson
Approval of Agenda • Motion: Troy Clark • Second: Larry Shandler • Motion passed **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes** Correction noted regarding Senate Bill 3 (five regions vs. five priorities). • Motion: Gary Housepian • Second: Trey LaFleur • Motion passed		
1:15	Medicaid Director Welcome	Dana Flannery, Medicaid Director

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• Dana Flannery expressed appreciation for MAC's commitment and acknowledged difficult topics on the agenda. Welcomed BAC members.		
1:20	HCA Staff updates	Heidi Capriotti, Deputy Director, MAD
• Heidi Capriotti presented the MAD organizational chart and staff photos. Noted Lorena Rivera's promotion to Junior Deputy Director. Upcoming retirements: Alisa Walker-Moran and Paoze Her. Vacancy rate reduced from 40% to ~10%.		
1:25	One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) Update	Dana Flannery, Medical Director
• Dana Flannery outlined significant Medicaid and SNAP impacts: - Estimated 98,000 individuals could permanently lose Medicaid; over 450,000 will see SNAP reductions. - Key changes: non-citizen eligibility limits, SNAP work requirements, Planned Parenthood funding ban, six-month Medicaid redeterminations, reduced retroactive coverage, and cost sharing. - Potential provider impacts include closure of 6–8 hospitals within 18–24 months of payment changes. - Systems changes estimated at $35M with an 18-month build timeline; staffing needs will increase. • MAC discussed pros/cons of requesting an extension for work requirements; MAC members recommend applying for extensions.		
1:45	Legislative Updates	Shreya Arakere, MAD
• Shreya Arakere provided an overview of the Monday.com bill tracking system that monitors progress of implementation. -Over 30 Bills being implemented with cross collaboration across divisions to successfully operationalize -Highlight 7 Bills related to Medicaid (ALF Rate, NF Rate, PACE Rate, Monitoring Minimum Fee Floor, BH Rate, Food as Medicine and Birthing Center Parity)		
2:00	DDSD Introductions & DD Waiver/Rate Update	Jennifer Rodriguez, DDSD Director, Melanie Buenviaje, Deputy Director, & Joseph Tighe, Deputy Director
• FY26 Rate Study underway with input from a Rate Study Advisory Group. • Mi Via renewal submitted July 1, 2025 (effective Oct. 1, 2025). • DD Waiver & MF Waiver renewal submitted July 1, 2025 (effective July 1, 2026). • CMS review pending within 90 days. • PH rate for EOR for paid services to be sent to MAC.		
2:15	BAC Members Introductions	La Don Woodson, Innovation Program Manager, MAD

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• La Don Woodson shared that the first BAC meeting was held on July 23 and shared what was discussed in this first meeting. • Shared BAC members comments on why they are participating in the BAC and how Medicaid has impacted their lives. • La Don Woodson is working with the BAC members on what personal information they wish to be released. Per CMS guidelines, they can choose to have their information shared publicly or opt to not share their information.		
2:25	Senate Bill 3 Executive Committee Update	Kristie Brooks, Director of BH Transformation & Innovation
• Kristie Brooks went over Key Highlights (Behavioral Health Executive Committee, SIM Mapping) • Each region will identify up to five priorities for four-year planning and funding. • Shared a timeline from the billing being signed to August 2025 followed by anticipated activity for the remainer of this year.		
2:35	INTERMISSION	Stretch Break/Restroom Break
2:50	Turquoise Claims Update	Lorrina Rivera, Junior Deputy Director
Lorrina Rivera shared the following updates: • Demo scheduled for October – November 2025 and shared testing schedule timeline thru December 2025 • New Web Portal Go-Live December 2025		
3:05	NM Medicaid Performance Rate 2024	Kathy Leyba, Quality Bureau Chief
• Kathy Leyba provided performance measure updates on: o Children & Adolescent Health Outcomes o Women's & Maternal Outcomes o Adult Health Outcomes o Behavioral Health Outcomes		
3:25	CARA Updates	Alanna Dancis, Chief Medical Officer
• Alanna Dancis shared major changes associated with SB42, HCA work to date on new legislation and July 2026 timeline for move to HCA.		
3:30	Questions & Feedback on: • 1115 Waiver Updates: * Food as Medicine * Medical Respite * Just Health Plus **REMOVED DUE TO TIME**	Jeanelle Romero, CE Bureau Chief
3:40	Question & Feedback on: Finity Turquoise Rewards Update **REMOVED DUE TO TIME**	Jeanelle Romero, CE Bureau Chief
3:45	Public Comment	MAC Chairperson; Larry Martinez
- Jami Snyder asked about 'Good Faith' standards for exemptions. - Nancy Rodriguez praised Turquoise Rewards outreach videos. - Jim Jackson asked about BAC membership disclosures and if their information can be shared		

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-LaDon Woodson is working on a process on what can be released on the BAC Members		
4:00	Meeting Adjournment	MAC Chairperson; Larry Martinez
• Meeting adjourned at 3:51 PM		

MAC Member	Title	Attendance
	NM Aging and Long-Term Services	
Andrew Peterson	CEO, United Healthcare	
Anthony Yepa	Indian Pueblos Council	X
Arika E. Sánchez	Healthcare Attorney, NM Center on Law and Poverty	X
Bruce Gilbert	CEO, BeWellNM	
Carolyn Montoya	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, UNM College of Nursing	
	Superintendent, OSI	
Gary Housepian	Executive Director, Disability Rights NM	X
Gina DeBlassie	Secretary, NM Department of Health	X (proxy)
Joseph Sanchez	State Director, AARP	
Kristina Leeper	Deputy Director, NM Medical Insurance Pool	
Kurt Rager	Director, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry NM	X
Larry Martinez	Committee Chair	X
Laurence Shandler	Pediatrician	X
Lex Garcia	Executive Director, NM Pharmacists Association	X
Liz Lacouture	Executive Director, PHS	X
Maggie McCowen	Executive Director, NM Behavioral Health Providers Association	
Meggin Lorrino	Executive Director, NM Association for Home & Hospice Care	X
Nancy Rodriguez	Executive Director, NM Alliance for School-Based Health Care	X
Nancy Smith-Leslie	Vice President, BCBS	X
Rick Madden	Family Physician	X
Rodney McNease	Executive Director, Governmental Affairs and BH Admin, UNMH	
Ruby Ann Esquibel	HCA Analyst, NM Legislative Finance Committee	X
Elizabeth Hamilton	BHS Deputy Director, CYFD	X
Trey LaFleur	AVP, Government Contracts, Molina Healthcare NM	X
Troy Clark	CEO/President, NM Hospital Association	X
Vicente Vargas	Executive Director, NM Health Care Association	X
Yvette Ramirez Ammerman	CEO, NM Primary Care Association	X

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