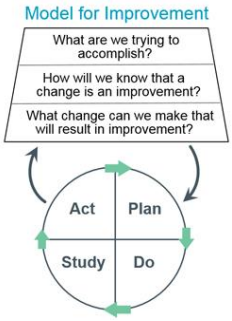


Meeting Agenda & Minutes

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Meeting Name: Q2 Medicaid Advisory Committee Meeting
Date: Monday, May 5, 2025- 1:00PM MST
Location: 1474 Rodeo Rd. Santa Fe, NM (1st Floor Conference Room)
Microsoft Teams: Meeting ID: 257 114 037 823 3 **Passcode:** Bx2oe6eS

Time	Agenda Item	Facilitator
1:00	Welcome	Larry Martinez, MAC Chairperson
1:05	Introductions	Larry Martinez, MAC Chairperson
1:08	Meeting Protocols	Joshua Nelson, Strategic Operations Manager
1:10	Agenda/Minute and Approval	Larry Martinez, MAC Chairperson
	Approval of Agenda • Motion: Trey LaFleur • Second: Larry Shandler • Motion passed **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes** • Motion: Carol Luna-Anderson • Second: Trey LaFleur • Motion passed	
1:15	Medicaid Director Welcome	Dana Flannery, Medicaid Director
	• Introduced new staff member Kristie Brooks, Behavioral Health Services Division/BHSD Innovations director overseeing Senate Bill 3/SB3 implementation. • Announced Josh Nelson's replacement as MAC facilitator: Trisstin Maroney.	
1:20	Legislative Session Recap	Dana Flannery, Medicaid Director
	• Reviewed bills impacting Medicaid: HB56, 171, 357; SB39, 42, 249. • **MAC Feedback:** Gary Housepian expressed interest in HB70. A feasibility study will be initiated first.	
1:35	BHSD: Senate Bill 3 Run-through	Dana Flannery, Medical Director
	• SB3 mandates each region to identify up to five priorities with a four-year plan and funding. • **MAC Feedback:** Yvette Ramirez Ammerman asked who has been appointed to the executive committee. Executive Committee appointees not yet named.	
1:45	Quarterly Budget Update	Elisa Walker-Moran, Chief Finance Officer
	Key points: • Enrollment projections include uncertainty in policy, labor force, and recession, coupled with unwinding, and continuous enrollment. • Even when enrollment does not increase, the costs continue to increase.	

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	• Had surpluses during public health emergency/PHE that offset General Fund need. **Key metrics:** • Medicaid enrollment projection for March 2025: 844,968 • Drop of 68,719 members year over year/YOY • 1% increase in total population projection since last quarter • Children -1% projection change since last quarter • MCO projection -1.2% • $11.5 estimated FY26 expenditures • Projecting surplus in FY26 of $25.1 million **MAC Feedback:** Chair Martinez asked if the projections reflect the new BH & Medicaid Trust Funding. BH & Medicaid Trust Fund is not included in current projections and will be requested if the funding is needed. RubyAnn Esquibel clarified that the trust funding is subject to legislative appropriation and several other triggers. Gary Housepian asked whether expenditure**s for Children in State Custody**/CISC is tracked. CISC is funding through Managed Care Organization/MCO capitation. The utilization of services for CISC is tracked over time.	
1:55	House Bill 2 Budget	Elisa Walker-Moran, Chief Finance Officer
	Key points: • MAD received GRO funding for 1115 Waiver programs for 3 years, and Section 5 (non-recurring). **Key metrics:** • Total expansions items of $22,599.5 **MAC Feedback:** Meggin Lorrino asked whether Home and Community Based Services/HCBS rate increases were included in HB2. They were not funded.	
2:05	Federal Climate Impacts	Dana Flannery, Medicaid Director
	Key points: • Reviewed Federal cuts document, highlighting that these are potential impacts. **MAC Feedback:** Yvette Ramirez Ammerman requested impacts on Federally Qualified Health Centers/FQHCs. Nancy Rodriguez offered to participate in that analysis**.** Director Flannery suggested that the association may also want to conduct an analysis. Further analysis by provider may be worth exploring once the cuts are determined. Dr. Shandler commented that maternity and pediatrics will also suffer.	
2:20	Waiver: Justice Initiative & CAA	Jeanelle Romero, CEB Bureau Chief

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	Key points: • Pre-release Consolidated Appropriation Act/CAA program for justice involved youth and 1115 Waiver initiatives for youth and adult justice involved Medicaid members. • Coordinating with stakeholders and facilities across the system will address member needs. • CYFD Juvenile Justice is now enrolled as Medicaid provider to bill for youth services. **MAC Feedback:** Andrew Peterson asked what technology institutions use to alert upcoming releases, and which facilities are experiencing delays. Vinelink is the interface system used for release data and MAD is working with facilities to improve data collection. Arika Sánchez asked about current services for incarcerated youth, Incarcerated youth don't currently receive Medicaid services; under CAA and 1115 youth up to age 21 and former foster youth to age 26 will be able to receive services at least 30 days prior to release.	
2:30	Waiver: Food as Medicine/FAM & Medical Respite	Alanna Dancis, Chief Medical Officer & Tallie Tolen, LTSS Bureau Chief
	Key points: • Payment methodology for FAM and Medical Respite have been approved by CMS. • Food As Medicine has two components: one for pregnant members and one for Long Term Services and Supports/LTSS members. • Starts with screening for Health Related Social Needs/HRSN and provider referral. • LTSS members are in care coordination level 2. • Have national and local Community Based Organizations/CBOs interested in providing food. • 1115 Waiver approval process and implementation takes at least a year to start a new benefit.	
2:35	Waiver: Medical Respite	Alanna Dancis, Chief Medical Officer
	Key points: • Pilot guidance for the first location is expected within a month.	
2:40	INTERMISSION	Stretch Break/ Restroom Break
2:55	Closed Loop Referral System/CLRS	Roberto Martinez, HCA Project Manager
	Key points: • Implementation of Find Help platform in Summer 2025 with enhancements planned for the following year. • Platform to be hosted on YesNM.gov. **Key Metrics:** • 7 counties on board to participate. **MAC Feedback:** RubyAnn Esquibel asked for vendor information. The vendor/contractor is Find Help. Nancy Rodriguez asked whether Public Education Department/PED and Early Childhood Education & Care Department/ECECD are included as stakeholders as community school nurses and other programs could benefit from this.	

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	There has been outreach and engagement with both stakeholders. RubyAnn Esquibel asked about the process and timeline for this project. Budget request was in 2022, approved in 2024 and contract executed in October 2024. Additionally, stacked priorities of getting Turquoise Care contracts in place and approved prior to this project, as well as mapping Z codes across the state. Andrew Peterson shared that Find Help is a reputable vendor in more than 20 states.	
3:05	Preferred Drug List/PDL	Keenan Ryan; Director of Pharmacy
	Key points: • Tool to balance cost-effective care and autonomy. • Will be led by new Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. • Bid posted on Request for Proposal/RFP website. **MAC Feedback:** RubyAnn Esquibel asked about interstate compacts. Will re-evaluate once the contract is executed and prices are established.	
3:15	Clinical Benefit Review Comm.	Alanna Dancis; Chief Medical Officer
	Key points: • New quarterly committee to review clinical benefit data such as PDL.	
3:25	Beneficiary Advisory Committee/BAC &MAC administration	Joshua Nelson; Strategic Operations Manager
	Key points: • Approx. 30 BAC applicants to date • MAC to review applicants in June and make recommendations to HCA. • CMS guidelines now require MAC term limits. Members need to respond with their term limit request (1, 2 or 3 years). **MAC Feedback:** Meggin Lorrino asked whether MAC members need to be on the BAC. A percentage of BAC must be on MAC, but not vice versa. Nancy Rodriguez asked whether membership affiliation is by individual or organization. CMS and the Bylaws require certain representatives and therefore would expect those organizations to provide a new representative.	
3:45	Public Comment	MAC Chairperson; Larry Martinez

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Jim Jackson, Disability Rights NM:

- Urged coordination between HCA funding streams.
- Requested timely updates on federal cuts.

The MAC can help advise on decision making once we know what the federal impact will be.

JC Moore, Pres. NM Chiropractic Assoc:

- Highlighted challenges in chiropractic service referrals even with the insurance coverage.
- Inquired when MAC applications will open.

Application for MAC member available on website

Bruce Weatherbee:

- Advocated for Developmental Disability/DD provider rate increases as outlined in HB2.

Michal Murphy, IL services:

- Shared current issues with Electronic Visit Verification/EVV for live-in attendants and requested policy revision on EVV for live-in attendants.

Nat Dean, Disability Advocate:

- Asked about mail access for unhoused members and housing support in Medical Respite.
- Praised BAC for supporting lived experiences.

MCOs have dedicated staff to help unhoused people and work with non-profits around the state and have care coordination for justice re-entry members. Will provide this information to Nat Dean.

4:00	Meeting Adjournment	MAC Chairperson; Larry Martinez
	• **Chair Martinez acknowledged Carol Luna-Anderson for her service.** • **Director Flannery and Chair Martinez thanked Joshua Nelson for his contributions.** • **Meeting adjourned at 4:01 PM**	

MAC Member	Title	Attendance
Anastasia Martin	General Council, NM Aging and Long Term Services	
Andrew Peterson	CEO, United Healthcare	
Anthony Yepa	Indian Pueblos Council	
Arika E. Sánchez	Healthcare Attorney, NM Center on Law and Poverty	
Bruce Gilbert	CEO, BeWellNM	
Carol Luna-Anderson	Executive Director, The Life Link Training Institute	
Carolyn Montoya	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, UNM College of Nursing	

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Cynthia Cisneros	Superintendent, OSI	
Gary Housepian	Executive Director, Disability Rights NM	
Gina Deblassie	Secretary, NM Department of Health	
Joseph Sanchez	State Director, AARP	
Kristina Leeper	Deputy Director, NM Medical Insurance Pool	
Kurt Rager	Director, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry NM	
Larry Martinez	Committee Chair	
Laurence Shandler	Pediatrician	
Lex Garcia	Executive Director, NM Pharmacists Association	
Liz Lacouture	Executive Director, PHS	
Maggie McCowen	Executive Director, NM Behavioral Health Providers Association	
Meggin Lorrino	Executive Director, NM Association for Home & Hospice Care	
Nancy Rodriguez	Executive Director, NM Alliance for School-Based Health Care	
Nancy Smith-Leslie	Vice President, BCBS	
Rick Madden	Family Physician	
Rodney McNease	Executive Director, Governmental Affairs and BH Admin, UNMH	
RubyAnn Esquibel	HCA Analyst, NM Legislative Finance Committee	
Teresa Casados	Acting Cabinet Secretary, CYFD	
Trey LaFleur	AVP, Government Contracts, Molina Healthcare NM	
Troy Clark	CEO/President, NM Hospital Association	
Vicente Vargas	Executive Director, NM Health Care Association	
Yvette Ramirez Ammerman	CEO, NM Primary Care Association	

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