

Medicaid Advisory Committee

Minutes of Aug 27, 2026

Participants

Committee Members:

Rachel Craig (Chair), Dr. Jennifer Brinton, Darryl Herrschaft, Rylee Curtis, Joey Ulrich, Melissa Presley, Emma Chacon, Nancy Strahan, Alicia Beckstead, and Davis Moore.

Committee Members Absent:

Januel Gomez-Colon, Dr. Scott Folkman, Sabra Ewing, Calleen Kenney, Jennifer Marchant, Mechelle Wiggill, Joe Hirabayashi, Matt Poss, and Cassidy Matthews.

DHHS Staff:

Josip Ambrenac, Tracy Barkley, Laura Belgique, Tom Davies, Julie Ewing, Matt Lund, Jennifer Meyer-Smart, Todd Neff, Brian Roach, Michelle Smith, Jim Stamos, Jason Stewart, Kolbi Young, Sharon Steigerwalt, and Dorrie Reese

Guests:

Seth Andrews, James Bekker, Jordan Bracken, Stephanie Burdick, Nate Checketts (OIG), Drew Cooper, Jeannie Edens, Russ Elbel, Michael Hales, Judy Hall, Matt Hansen, Kory Holdaway, Michelle Jenson, Amy Johnson, Twila Lake, Jesse Liddell, Norma Linton, Jen Lloyd, Andrea Nielsen, Megan Neuf, Amanda Pierce, Leigha Rodak, Randall Serr, Gayle Six, Stacey Swilling (State Dental Director), Jeremy Taylor (Tribal Health Liaison), Nicole Valleries, Mark Ward, Debra Widmer, and Melissa Zito.

Welcome:

Rachel Craig welcomed everyone.

Approval of Minutes:

Rachel Craig made the motion to approve June 18, 2026, MAC minutes. Darryl Herrschaft seconded that motion. The group unanimously agreed.

Thank you, Jennifer Marchant:

Rachel Craig thanked Jennifer Marchant for her service on the MAC.

Nominations for Open Appointments:

Rachel Craig mentioned the MAC is accepting nomination for Consumer Representative for Behavioral/Mental Health and Consumer Representative for Senior Citizen Community. If you know anyone who would be interested, information is listed on the MAC website. [Medical Care Advisory Committee - Medicaid - Utah DHHS](#), or email Sharon Steigerwalt at: ssteigerwalt@utah.gov.

Review Amended Bylaws:

Rachel Craig discussed reviewing the amended Bylaws. We plan to vote on accepting these changes during our October meeting.



MAC-ByLaws 2026
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Increased Rates for Incontinence Supplies:

Joey Ulrich discussed increased rates for incontinent supplies.

Beneficiary Advisory Council Update:

Ronak Iqbal gave an update on the Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC).

State CHIP Update:

Jennifer Meyer-Smart gave an update on State CHIP Enrollment.



MAC- State CHIP
Presentation-8_27_26.

TAM Update:

Brian Roach gave an update on TAM.

ACTION

DHHS will create a document that captures the TAM process.

Public Charge:

Brian Roach gave an update on Public Charge.

H.R.1 Update:

Michelle Smith gave an update on H.R.1.



Utah Medicaid HR1
Project Status Update

Director's Report

Julie Ewing gave an update on where Medicaid is standing, with our budget deficit

SPA's Rules:

The documents which were presented are embedded in this document.



MAC SPA Summary
8-27-26.pdf



MAC Rule Summary
8-27-26.pdf

Medicaid Eligibility & Enrollment Update:

Michelle Smith gave an update on Medicaid Eligibility and Enrollment.

[Medicaid-Enrollment-REPORT-Dashboard](#)

[Enrollment Eligibility Data](#)

[1115 Waiver Enrollment Dashboard](#)

Committee Member Updates:

There were none.

Vote to Support the New Executive Committee

Chair: Dr. Jennifer Brinton

Vice-Chair: Matt Poss

Member-at-large: Will be announced at the October meeting

MOTION:

Emma Chacon made the motion to support the new executive committee. Rylee Curtis seconded that motion. The group unanimously agreed.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm. The next meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2026, at 10:00-12:00 p.m.