

Medicaid Advisory Committee

Minutes of Oct 16, 2025

Participants

Committee Members (via phone):

Rachel Craig (Chair), Dr. Jennifer Brinton, Michael Hales, Joey Ulrich, Melissa Presley, Brian Monsen, Sabra Ewing, Calleen Kenney, Jennifer Marchant, Alicia Beckstead, Joe Hirabayashi, Matt Poss, and Davis Moore.

Committee Members Absent:

Darryl Herrschaft, Nancy Strahan, Dr. Scott Folkman, Mechelle Wigill, and Cassidy Matthews.

DHHS Staff (via phone):

Josip Ambrenac, Tracy Barkley, Eric Grant, Ronak Iqbal, Jennifer Meyer-Smart, Brian Roach, Greg Trollan, Kolbi Young, Sharon Steigerwalt, and Dorrie Reese

Guest (via phone):

Allison Allred (GOPB), Liz Armour-Roth, James Bekker, Paisley Bowles, Rachel Buchi (DGO), Maria Caceres-Loveless, Brook Carlisle, Brittany Carver, Emma Chacon, Nelson Clayton, William Crosgrove, Nate Crippes, Stacy Davis, Julie Ewing, Lisa Fallert, Richard Ferguson, Phil Galewitz, Matt Hansen, Geoff Harding, Amy Johnson, Jesse Liddell, Jennifer Lloyd, Tatiana Mateus, Elise Napper (DGO), Joni Nebeker, Andrea Nielsen, Anna Ott (DGO), Mary Pak, Stuart Pappas, Melissa Presley (DWS), Andrew Riggle, Caitlin Schneider, Randal Serr, Stacey Swilling (State Dental Director), Jeremy Taylor (AI/AN), Nicole Vallieres, Todd Wood, Kaye Lynn Wooton, Garrett Zayic, and Melissa Zito

Welcome:

Rachel Craig welcomed everyone.

Approval of Minutes:

Jennifer Brinton made the motion to approve the August 21, 2025, MCAC minutes. Brian Monsen seconded that motion. The group unanimously agreed.

MAC Committee Update:

Rachel Craig announced:

- Daryl Herrschaft is new member-at-large
- Welcomed Matt Poss, Consumer Rep for Native American Communities
- Welcome Sabra Ewing, Consumer Rep for Medicaid recipients
- Thank you for your service to the MAC: Brian Monsen and Michael Hales
- One open appointment for Consumer Representative for Medicaid Recipients

Vote to Change time for the MAC Meeting:

Rachel Craig discussed time change for the MAC meetings.

- From 3rd Thursday 2:00-4:00 to 4th Thursday 10:00-12:00 for January, March, June, August, October months
- From 3rd Thursday 4:00-6:00 to 4th Thursday 10:00-12:00 for May

Joe Hirabayashi made the motion to approve the meeting time change to the 4th Thursday at 10:00-12:00. Matt Poss seconded that motion. The group unanimously agreed.

Beneficiary Advisory Council Update:

Ronak Iqbal gave an update.

Rural Health Transformative Fund Project Update:

Ronak Iqbal gave an update

Director's Report:

Brian Roach gave an update:

- H.R. 1 Update & Next Steps
- Emergency Medicaid enrollment CMS Letter
- OIG Audit Report
- Federal Government Shut Down Impacts
- Upcoming Policy changes
- Transition plan for Medicaid Directors & DHHS recruitment and staff changes

The documents which are presented are embedded in this document.

<https://medicaid.utah.gov/obba/>

[Emergency Medicaid Enrollment CMS Letter Sep 30 2025](#)

SPA's Rules:

The documents which were presented are embedded in this document.

[MAC SPA Summary](#)

Medicaid Eligibility & Enrollment Update:

Jennifer Meyer-Smart gave an update

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[Medicaid Enrollment Data](#)

[Eligibility Data Dashboard](#)

[Enrollment Additional Detail Dashboard](#)

[Managed Care Enrollment Dashboard](#)

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm. The next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2026, at 10:00 am-12:00 pm