



Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) and Payment Policy Advisory Board (PPAB) Meeting

Executive Office of Health and Human Services
October 30, 2024

Meeting Agenda



Time	Detail	Moderator
10:00AM	Welcome and opening meeting	Mike Levine
10:15AM	Ensuring Access to Medicaid Services Final Rule, 89 FR 40542 (2024 Access Final Rule)	Camille Pearson & Sarah Nordberg
10:30AM	Current and Future State: MCAC/PPAB	Camille Pearson & Sarah Nordberg
10:45AM	Questions and Discussion	

2024 Access Final Rule



May 10, 2024

CMS published the Ensuring Access to Medicaid Services Final Rule, 89 FR 40542 (2024 Access Final Rule). The provisions of the 2024 Access Final Rule included updates to the existing Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) regulation.

July 9, 2024

CMS finalized regulatory changes to rename the MCAC as the Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) and require a new (separate) Beneficiary Advisory Committee (BAC). The final rule (42 CFR § 431.12) specifies the structure and function of – and the relationship between – the two groups.

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Scope and Meeting Topics

Previously, federal regulations only required MCAC discussions to include topics about health and medical care services. The final rule expands the MAC's scope to include generally "matters of concern related to policy development, and matters related to the effective administration of the Medicaid program."

Composition

MAC must include state or local advocacy groups; clinical providers or administrators; MCOs, PIHPs, PAHPs, PCCM entities or PCCMs or plan associations as applicable; and other state agencies serving Medicaid beneficiaries. The MAC must also include BAC members. At least 25% of MAC membership must be BAC representation.

Member Selection

States must develop and publish a process for MAC and BAC member recruitment. Members can serve multiple terms but only if non-consecutive. Terms periods are decided by the state.

Meeting and Reporting

MAC must meet at least quarterly and must notify the public of upcoming meetings at least 30 days in advance. The MAC must create an annual report to the state.

The full BAC will meet separately from the MAC, in addition to some members joining MAC meetings.

What does this mean for MCAC/PPAB?



Current State:

- The MassHealth Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) and Payment Policy Advisory Board (PPAB) meet quarterly and participate in policy development and program administration, advise the executive office about health and medical care services, and to review and evaluate rates and payment systems by the Office of Medicaid. While separate statutory bodies, MassHealth has historically combined them.
- MassHealth reports annually to the State Legislature on the activities of the Board and Committee. MassHealth posts the annual report on the Medical Care Advisory Committee Reports to Legislature [webpage](#).



What's Changing?

We are overhauling the MCAC.
Key changes include:

- **New name!**
- New composition of the Committee
- New procurement process to select Committee Members



What does this change mean for PPAB?

PPAB will not be experiencing too many changes other than welcoming new members to our group. PPAB and MCAC will continue to meet jointly.

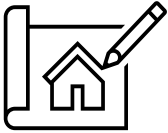


PPAB will remain the same

The Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) will now be known as:



The MassHealth Program Advisory Committee (MPAC)



MPAC's Composition Will be Different from Current Composition:

Current composition:

- MassHealth Assistant Secretary;
- Board-certified physicians and other representatives of the health professions who are familiar with the medical needs of low-income population groups, members of consumers' groups, including medical assistance recipients; and
- The commissioner of the department of public welfare.

Future Composition:

- MassHealth Assistant Secretary;
- State or local advocacy groups;
- Clinical providers or administrators;
- MCOs, PIHPs, PAHPs, PCCM entities or PCCMs or plan associations as applicable; and other state agencies serving Medicaid beneficiaries; and
- Members of the new MassHealth Member Advisory Committee (MAC).
 - At least 25% of MPAC's membership must be MAC representation.

MPAC Membership Procurement



In the coming months MassHealth will post a Notice of Opportunity (NOO) to select MPAC members. More details on the MPAC NOO will be posted on COMMBUYS and the Medical Care Advisory Committee Reports to Legislature [webpage](#).

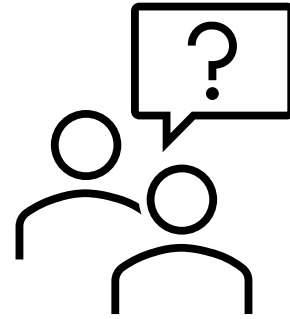
- MPAC members will be expected to serve on the MPAC for a period of two years (also described as a “term”).
- Members may not serve for more than one consecutive term (meaning one term following another).
 - Members may be able to serve additional non-consecutive terms in the future.



MassHealth will be seeking ~12 individuals to join the MPAC through the new selection process. Members that are selected for MassHealth’s new Member Advisory Council (MAC) will not need to apply through the MPAC NOO.



All current MCAC members will need to go through the new selection process for MPAC membership. Changes in member composition will require a recruitment process to select members. **Note:** Since PPAB will continue to meet with the new MPAC, we ask that current PPAB members do not apply for MPAC membership



Questions?

Appendix: MassHealth Member Advisory Committee (MAC)





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The MAC will be a committee made up of about 15 current or former MassHealth members.

MAC membership will reflect the diversity of the communities MassHealth serves. MAC membership may also include guardians or family members, or caregivers of current or former MassHealth members. Accommodations and other supports (including interpreter services) will be available to MAC participants.



To Learn More

Scan QR Code or visit the website below for the MAC Application

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-member-advisory-committee-notice-of-opportunity>

More information about the MAC (BID # BID# BD-25-1039-EHS01-ASHWA-106346), including the Notice of Opportunity, Application, a [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) document, and the [Outreach Flyer](#) can be found on the [MAC website](#) and on COMMBUYS at this link: [COMMBUYS - Bid Solicitation](#).

All materials are also provided on the website and COMMBUYS in Spanish, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, Simplified Chinese, and Vietnamese.