



CABINET FOR HEALTH
AND FAMILY SERVICES

Restructuring Medicaid's Advisory Committee Framework

Medicaid Advisory Committee & Beneficiary Advisory Council

The *Ensuring Access to Medicaid Services* Final Rule has new federal requirements for a **Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)** and **Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC)** effective July 2025. (42 CFR 432.12)

MAC areas to highlight:

- Members selected by Commissioner
- Advising role does not change
- Expands membership to MCOs and other Commonwealth agencies
- BAC members must comprise certain % of MAC
- Selection of members will change
- Members cannot serve back-to-back terms
- MAC must submit an annual report to CMS

- **Held virtual forums on December 16 and 18, 2024**
- **Conducted survey through December 30, 2024**
- **Presented on key takeaways and proposed legislation**

BAC areas to highlight:

- Members selected by Commissioner
- BAC membership is only current and former Medicaid beneficiaries, family members and caregivers
- Members cannot serve back-to-back terms
- BAC meetings do not need to be public
- Certain % of BAC members must serve on the MAC
- Must meet prior to MAC meeting

Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC)

- 15 Members appointed by the Commissioner for DMS:
 - 10 current or former Medicaid members
 - 5 parents, guardians or caregivers of Medicaid beneficiaries
- BAC members must also serve on the new Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)
 - 3 Medicaid members on the current Advisory Council have been asked to be on both the BAC and MAC
 - 4 other BAC members will also be appointed to the MAC
- Members will initially be selected for a 2-year, 3-year, or 4-year term so terms end at different times:
 - After the initial terms, new appointees will serve a 4-year term
 - Members may not serve back-to-back terms but could be reappointed after a four year period
- Goal is to appoint members who represent the different Kentucky Medicaid programs and populations.
- Applications will be open until **May 29, 2025**:
 - New website: <https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/Pages/medicaidadvisory.aspx>
 - People will be notified by the end of June
 - Additional information is available online.
- Meetings will be at least quarterly; with the first one anticipated to be held in September 2025.

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Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)

- 31 Members appointed by the DMS Commissioner:
 - 5 ex-officio members
 - 14 members appointed by a nominating organization:
 - 13 authorized by KRS 205.540 (on the current Advisory Council)
 - 1 new position for a Medicaid managed care organization appointed by the Kentucky Association of Health Plans
 - 5 consumer advocates authorized by KRS 205.540
 - 7 members from the Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC)
- Initially, members selected for a 2-year, 3-year, or 4-year term so terms end at different times:
 - After the initial terms, new appointees will serve a 4-year term
 - The Kentucky Association of Health Plans nominee has a 1-year term
 - Members may not serve back-to-back terms but could be reappointed after a four year period
- Members whose terms expire after July 8, 2025, will be appointed to serve on the MAC:
 - 5 of the members in a nominated positions
 - 3 of the consumer advocate group positions
- Members whose terms expire before July 8, 2025, will not be automatically appointed. They will have to apply to the nominating organization if they want to continue to serve on the committee.
- Vacancies will be filled either by a nomination from the organization, or through direct application for the consumer advocacy group positions.

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