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## 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:

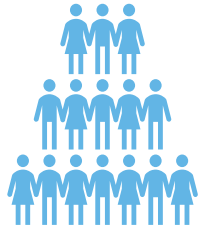
- Members selected by Commissioner
- Advising role does not change
- Expands membership to managed care organizations (MCOs) and other Commonwealth agencies
- BAC members must comprise certain percentage of MAC
- Selection of members will change
- Members cannot serve back-to-back terms
- MAC must submit an annual report to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

- **Held virtual forums on December 16, 2024 and December 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 percentage of BAC members must serve on the MAC
- Must meet prior to MAC meeting

# Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC)



## **15 Members appointed by the DMS Commissioner:**

- 10 current or former Medicaid members
- 5 parents, guardians, or caregivers of Medicaid beneficiaries



## **Some 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 initially 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 may be reappointed after a 4-year period

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Meetings will be at least quarterly, with the first one anticipated to be held in September 2025. The BAC must meet before the MAC.



Applications will be open until May 29, 2025:

- New website:  
<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/Pages/medicaidadvisory.aspx>
- Applicants will be notified by the end of June 2025
- The application and additional information is available online

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# Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)



## 31 members appointed by the DMS Commissioner:

- 5 ex-officio members
  - 1 ex-officio from KRS 205.540
  - 4 new ones
- 14 members appointed by a nominating organization:
  - 13 authorized by KRS 205.540 (current Advisory Council)
  - 1 new Medicaid MCO position nominated by the Kentucky Association of Health Plans
- 5 consumer advocates authorized by KRS 205.540
- 7 new members from the BAC



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- 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 4-year period



## Advisory Council members with unexpired terms on 7/8/25 will be appointed to serve on the new MAC:

- 5 members in nominated positions
- 3 consumer advocate group positions



Advisory Council members with expired terms on 7/8/25 will not be automatically appointed. Those positions and any vacancies will be filled through a nomination or application for the new MAC.

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