

# Beneficiary Advisory Council

## Initial Meeting

4/28/2026

4:30-5:30pm



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# Welcome & Staff Introductions

# Member Introductions



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# Roundtable Introductions

- Name
- Community you reside in
- What you hope this group will accomplish



# Roles & Expectations



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# Membership

- 12–15-member Advisory Council
- General members of the BAC shall be appointed for a term of three years
  - Members may not serve consecutive terms but may be re-selected for future non-consecutive terms after one year of not serving on the BAC.
- Initial terms as a new Advisory Council
  - Two members shall serve an initial one-year term
  - Three to four members shall serve an initial two-year term
  - Three to four members shall serve an initial three-year term
    - After completion of these initial staggered terms, all subsequent appointments shall follow the standard three-year term, unless otherwise specified by officer role.



# Leadership Roles

- **Chairperson** – Four years
  - Provides overall leadership and ensures effective governance and strategic direction of the BAC.
- **Vice-Chairperson** – Four years (two years initially)
  - Assists the Chairperson, presides in their absence, and supports leadership transitions.
- **Secretary** – Four years (two years initially)
  - Oversees meeting documentation, records, and official correspondence of the Council.
- **Historian/Continuity Officer** – Four years
  - Preserves institutional memory and ensures lessons, recommendations, and progress are maintained through member transitions and turnover.
- **Equity and Access Officer** – Four years
  - Ensures that Council processes, decisions, and recommendations reflect diverse voices, equitable practices, and inclusive participation.



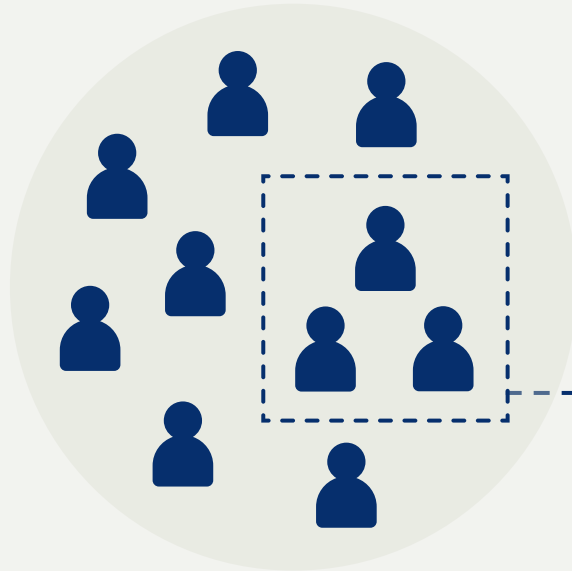
# Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC)

The BAC is a dedicated forum for **people with lived experience** of the Medicaid program. BAC members must include:

Current and/or former Medicaid enrollees

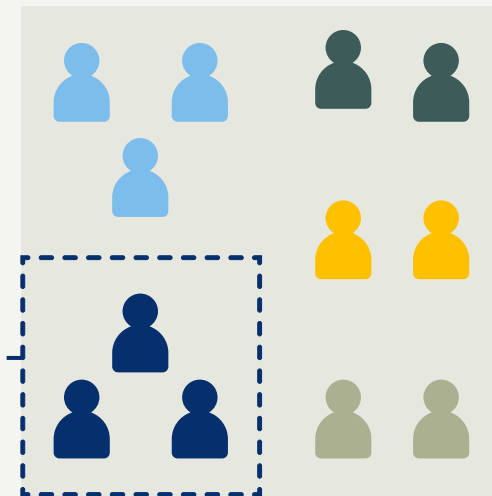
Family members of enrollees

Paid or unpaid caregivers of enrollees



# Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)

The MAC is a **diverse group of Medicaid stakeholders** with a wide range of perspectives and experiences. The MAC includes BAC members and at least one representative from each of these categories:



Clinical providers/  
administrators

Participating plans/  
state associations

Other state agencies as  
ex officio members

State, local, or  
community-based  
organizations

**By July 10, 2027, 25% of MAC members must be from the BAC\***

# MAC & BAC

- As a BAC member you can ask to join the Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)
- The MAC meets quarterly, and if you're selected to join, attendance is required
- BAC members who are also part of the MAC will attend a total of eight (8) meetings a year
  - 4 BAC & 4 MAC



# Drafted Bylaws

- Drafted as a starting point
- Please review individually before next meeting
- Provide suggestions for updates to Savannah at least 2 weeks before meeting
- Savannah will combine all the feedback/updates and send out 1 week before meeting for review
- Group will vote on adopting Bylaws at next meeting



# Current Initiatives



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# Key Initiatives

- Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP)
- Behavioral Health Services for Future Generations (BHSFG)
- H.R. 1
- Access Rules
- Waivers
- Montana State Hospital (MSH) Recertification



# Next Steps



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# Scheduling & Next Steps

- Savannah will be sending out a poll for scheduling
  - Days, times, length of meeting, location, etc.
- Please inform Savannah:
  - Preferred length of appointment
  - If interested in a leadership role
  - If interested in the MAC
  - If you have any accommodation needs that were not met today



# Questions?

- Let us know what questions you have!



# Thank you!



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