



**Agency for Health Care Administration  
Medical Care Advisory Committee  
Quarterly Meeting Summary**

## Medical Care Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting

<b>Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024</b>	<b>Time: 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM</b>
<b>Location: Agency for Health Care Administration Headquarters</b> 2727 Mahan Drive Tallahassee, FL 32308 Conference Room A – C Microsoft Teams	

## Attendance

Committee Members			
Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA)		Department of Children and Families (DCF)	
	Jason Weida, Secretary, AHCA		Shevaun Harris, Secretary, DCF
	Kristin Sokoloski, Deputy Chief of Staff for Medicaid & Procurement		Casey Penn Assistant Secretary, DCF
Department of Health (DOH)		Associations & Beneficiaries	
	Joseph A. Ladapo, M.D., PhD., Surgeon General		Diane Sanders-Cepeda, D.O., C.M.D., Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine
<b>T</b>	Andrea Gary, Director, CMS Plan Administration	<b>✓</b>	Michael Lawton, Florida Association of Health Plans
Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)			Stanley Whittaker, MSN, ARNP, Florida Association of Nurse Practitioners
	Taylor Hatch, Director of APD		Victoria Zepp, Team 180 Consulting – Samantha Benvenisty
	Lorena Fulcher, Chief of Consumer Supports		David Mica, Jr., Florida Hospital Association
Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA)			Michael Lockwood, Beneficiary
<b>✓</b>	Ashley Apthorp, Director of Statewide Community-Based Services		
	Michelle Branham, Secretary of DOEA		
Presenters			
	Name	Agency, Division, Title	
	Ken Kniepmann	AHCA, Assistant Deputy Secretary, Medicaid Policy & Quality	



√ = Present for the Meeting; T = Attended Remotely

## Meeting Minutes

### Documents Distributed:

- MCAC PowerPoint Presentation

### Opening Remarks

*Ken Kniepmann*

Ken Kniepmann, Assistant Deputy Secretary for Medicaid Policy & Quality (AHCA or Agency), called the June 26, 2024, Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) meeting to order. Mr. Kniepmann welcomed all in attendance and began introductions with Agency personnel. He then thanked the committee members and members of the public. Mr. Kniepmann proceeded to remind the audience of the blackout period and the meeting logistics.

### Roll Call/Legislative Updates

*Ken Kniepmann*

Mr. Kniepmann proceeded with the roll call and had the members introduce themselves. Following the roll call, Mr. Kniepmann began the meeting agenda presentation.

### Legislative Updates

*Ken Kniepmann*

Ken Kniepmann provided an overview of the Legislative updates. The presentation provided the 2024 Legislative Session Update:

- HB 5001 – General Appropriations Act (GAA)
- SB 7016 – Health care (Live Healthy Act)
- SB 7018 – Health Care Innovation
- SB 168 – Congenital Cytomegalovirus Screenings
- SB 330 – Behavioral Health Teaching Hospitals
- HB 885 – Coverage of Biomarker Testing
- HB 935 – Home Health Care Services
- HB 7021 – Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Mr. Kniepmann concluded this presentation and proceeded to the next agenda topic.

### MCAC Updates

*Ken Kniepmann*

Ken Kniepmann provided an overview of the CMS – 2442 – Access Rule pertaining to the following MCAC requirements:

Rename Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) to Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC): The renamed Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) will advise on an expanded range of issues (e.g. Additions and changes to services, quality of services, care coordination, beneficiary and provider communications and access to services). **Adds public comment period to meeting requirements.**

Beneficiary Advisory Group (BAG): Establish a Beneficiary Advisory Group (BAG) comprised of current or past Medicaid beneficiaries, their families, and/or caregivers to provide beneficiary perspective on policy and program administration. **BAG meets quarterly prior to the MAC meetings.**



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Transparency: Make information about the MAC and BAG activities publicly available including bylaws, meeting schedules, agendas, minutes, and membership lists.

MAC Membership Requirements: Establish a new minimum requirement for MAC membership to include a requirement for BAG members on MAC (10% - 2025, 20% - 2026, 25% - 2027)

MAC Annual Report: Create and publicly post an annual report **describing activities, topics discussed, and recommendations of the BAG, as well as the State's response.**

**Public Comments**

***Ken Kniepmann***

Mr. Kniepmann opened the floor for public comments.

Andrea Gary asked when does the CMS rule go into effect. Austin Noll stated that there are different components to the rule being implemented, as well as appointments that will need to align to the provisions of the requirement.

No other comments were made.

Mr. Kniepmann concluded the public comment portion of the meeting and transitioned to closing remarks.

**Closing Remarks**

***Ken Kniepmann***

Ken Kniepmann encouraged committee members and members of the public to send their questions or agenda topic recommendations to Kissa Smith in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Medicaid Operations and Procurement, at the following email address: [kissa.smith@ahca.myflorida.com](mailto:kissa.smith@ahca.myflorida.com)

**Adjourn**

***Ken Kniepmann***

Mr. Kniepmann thanked the Committee members and members of the public for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 1:45 PM.