

# Getting Input to Improve Kentucky's Medicaid Program

New federal rules require all Medicaid agencies create a Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC) and a Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) by July 2025. The new BAC and MAC framework is designed to promote the voices of individuals with lived experience with Medicaid and to support diverse advice on the Medicaid program. The Department for Medicaid Services (Department) is in the process of developing the BAC and the MAC with public input.

## Overview of the BAC

The BAC is a dedicated group for people with lived experience with the Medicaid program and must include current and/or former Medicaid beneficiaries, their family members, and paid or unpaid caregivers. The Medicaid Commissioner will select members to serve for a period of time set by the Department and members cannot have back-to-back terms.

## How often will the BAC need to meet?

The BAC will meet at least quarterly and must meet before the MAC. The BAC will decide if meetings will be public. Meetings must have different options for attendance (in-person, phone or hybrid).

## What information will be available to the public?

The agendas, meeting notes, selection process, and bylaws will be on the Department's website. The BAC members will decide if their names will be public.

## Overview of the MAC

The MAC must have at least one representative from each of the following: health care providers, Medicaid managed care organizations, community-based groups that work with Medicaid beneficiaries, and other Commonwealth agencies that work with Medicaid beneficiaries. By 2027, 25% of MAC members must be from the BAC. The Medicaid Commissioner will select members to serve for a period of time set by the Department and members cannot have back-to-back terms.

## How often will the MAC need to meet?

The MAC will meet at least quarterly and at least two meetings must be open to the public. Meetings must have different options for attendance (in-person, phone or hybrid).

## What information will be available to the public?

The MAC will create an annual report on the activities and recommendations from the MAC and the BAC that will be on the Department's website and sent to the federal government. The membership, agendas, meeting notes, selection process, and bylaws will also be on the Department's website.

\* For more information on how the MAC and the BAC will be different from Kentucky's current Advisory Council for Medical Assistance and Technical Advisory Committees, please see the presentation and recordings from the December 2024 public forums on the Department's website.