



CABINET FOR HEALTH
AND FAMILY SERVICES

Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC)

New Framework for Medicaid Beneficiary and External Partner Input

Consumer Rights Technical Advisory Committee
December 17, 2024

New Federally Required BAC Framework

- **Role:** Dedicated and supported space for individuals with lived Medicaid experience to identify issues for the MAC and directly advise the Department for Medicaid Services
- **Membership:** Current and/or former Medicaid beneficiaries, family members, and paid or unpaid caregivers.
- **Selection:** Members must be selected by the Medicaid Commissioner
- **Member Term:** Members cannot serve back-to-back terms
- **Meeting Frequency:** The BAC must meet separately from and before each MAC meeting to make sure BAC members are prepared for the MAC meeting
- **Meeting Format:** The BAC can decide which meetings (if any) are open to the public

Areas to highlight:

- BAC membership is only individuals with lived Medicaid experience
- Members cannot serve back-to-back terms
- BAC meetings do not need to be public

BAC Membership Considerations

1. Are there lived experiences with Medicaid that should be specifically included?
2. Should there be a recommended balance between Medicaid beneficiaries (current/former) and family members and caregivers? If so, what percentage?
3. How many people should make up the BAC?

NOTE: BAC members must comprise a certain percentage of the MAC

10% - July 9, 2025-July 9, 2026

20% - July 10, 2026-July 9, 2027

25% - starting July 10, 2027

4. The law requires the Commissioner to appoint. How should the BAC members be selected?.
5. The BAC must meet separately before each MAC. How often should the BAC meet?
6. What should be the term of the BAC members? Note that members may not serve back to back terms.
7. What types of support for BAC members should be considered?

Next Steps

- Next Virtual Forum is Wednesday, December 18, 2024, 1:30–3:00 PM ET. To register, go to the DMS main webpage at <https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/Pages/default.aspx>
- Presentation and recording will be posted on the DMS main webpage.
- Use the QR code and link to access a survey on today's topics. The survey will be open until Monday, December 23, 2024.
- DMS intends to provide key takeaways from these discussions and survey responses.

