

MEDICAID OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the 2025 Interim

June 25, 2025

Call to Order and Roll Call

The first meeting of the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board was held on June 25, 2025, at 3:00 PM in Room 154 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Ken Fleming, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Senator Julie Raque Adams, Co-Chair; Representative Ken Fleming, Co-Chair; Senators Donald Douglas, Karen Berg, Danny Carroll, Stephen Meredith, and Craig Richardson; Representatives Adam Bowling, Jason Petrie, Samara Heavrin, Mary Lou Marzian, and Kimberly Poore Moser; and Allison Ball, Beth Bowling, John Hicks, Lisa Lee, Sheila Schuster, Tom Stephens, Vickie Yates Glisson, Hollie Harris, Joe Petrey, and Steve Shannon.

Guests: Stephanie Bates, Assistant Director, Office of Health Data Analytics, Legislative Research Commission.

LRC Staff: Chris Joffrion and DJ Burns.

Introduction of Board Members

Each member of the board gave a brief introduction, including their background in Medicaid and goals for the board.

Overview of the Purpose and Goals of the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board

Representative Fleming explained the purpose of the board is to educate and provide oversight for the Kentucky Medicaid program. He noted each meeting will conclude with a 15-minute public comment period and meetings may be added if the co-chairs deem it necessary.

Medicaid Legislative Update

Stephanie Bates, Assistant Director, Office of Health Data Analytics, Legislative Research Commission, gave a presentation on Medicaid including eligibility, covered benefits, waivers, budget, and the proposed Federal Reconciliation Bill.

In response to Representative Fleming, Ms. Bates stated, out of 70,736 original members due for renewal in January 2025, 55,609 were renewed on an ex parte basis using other systems such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which also verifies income and household size. She stated the report referenced was not hers but that Lisa Lee, Commissioner, Department for Medicaid Services, Cabinet for Health & Family Services, could explain it.

In response to Senator Douglas, Ms. Bates stated the Kentucky Department of Medicaid Services (DMS) 1115 Waiver Application does not tie community engagement for eligibility, but the Federal Reconciliation Bill would as required by 2025 Regular Session HB 695.

In response to Senator Raque Adams, Ms. Bates stated a request could be made to DMS for dollar amounts for both mandatory and optional covered benefits as well as non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT).

In response to Senator Meredith, Ms. Bates stated she would follow up with a breakdown of the total Medicaid appropriations from fiscal years 2010 to 2026 with delineations for state general funds and Federal match funds.

In response to Ms. Harris, Ms. Bates stated her office could provide a report comparing optional benefits covered by other states. She stated the chart on benefit appropriations were the actual appropriations.

In response to Representative Marzian, Ms. Bates stated a breakdown by eligibility category of Medicaid participants could be requested from DMS, and DMS has a department that investigates fraud, waste, and abuse.

In response to Representative Moser, Ms. Bates stated she could provide a report outlining the provider taxes in Kentucky and the revenue generated by those taxes; the Federal Reconciliation Bill currently proposes a reduction to 3.5%.

In response to Senator Douglas, Commissioner Lee stated DMS is working in collaboration with the Department for Behavioral Health Services to develop a scorecard for managed care organizations (MCO) that will determine if each MCO is delivering quality services in behavioral health services.

Discussion of Next Steps and Future Meeting Dates

Representative Fleming and Senator Raque Adams discussed future meeting dates and a list of reports requested from DMS.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.