

7A.276 Board membership -- Reimbursement for expenses.

(1) The board shall be composed of the following members:

(a) Ten (10) legislative members, as follows:

1. Four (4) members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, each of whom shall serve while a member of the House for the term for which he or she has been elected, one (1) of whom shall be the chair or vice chair of the House Standing Committee on Health Services, and one (1) of whom shall be the chair or vice chair of the House Standing Committee on Families and Children;
2. One (1) member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the House of Representatives, who shall serve while a member of the House for the term for which he or she has been elected;
3. Four (4) members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, each of whom shall serve a term of two (2) years, one (1) of whom shall be the chair or vice chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Health Services, and one (1) of whom shall be the chair or vice chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Families and Children; and
4. One (1) member of the Senate appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the Senate, who shall serve a term of two (2) years;

(b) Eleven (11) nonlegislative, nonvoting members, as follows:

1. The commissioner of the department or his or her designee;
2. The chief medical officer of the Commonwealth or his or her designee;
3. The chair of the Advisory Council for Medical Assistance established in KRS 205.540 or his or her designee;
4. The state budget director or his or her designee;
5. The Auditor of Public Accounts or his or her designee;
6. The executive director of the Kentucky Association of Health Plans, or its successor organization, or his or her designee;
7. The director of the Center of Excellence in Rural Health established in KRS 164.937 or his or her designee;
8. Two (2) members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, of which:
 - a. One (1) shall have significant Medicaid-specific experience in healthcare administration, financing, policy, or research; and
 - b. One (1) shall be a licensed healthcare provider who is a participating Medicaid provider and who serves on one (1) of the technical advisory committees to the Advisory Council for Medical Assistance established in KRS 205.590; and
9. Two (2) members appointed by the President of the Senate, of which:
 - a. One (1) shall have significant Medicaid-specific experience in

healthcare administration, financing, policy, or research; and

- b. One (1) shall be a licensed healthcare provider who is a participating Medicaid provider and who serves on one (1) of the technical advisory committees to the Advisory Council for Medical Assistance established in KRS 205.590; and
- (c) Two (2) nonvoting ex officio members, as follows:
 1. The chair of the House Standing Committee on Appropriations and Revenue; and
 2. The chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Appropriations and Revenue.
- (2) (a) Of the members appointed pursuant to subsection (1)(a)1. of this section, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one (1) as co-chair of the board.
- (b) Of the members appointed pursuant to subsection(1)(a)3. of this section, the President of the Senate shall designate one (1) as co-chair of the board.
- (c) In order to be eligible for appointment under subsection (1)(b)8. and 9. of this section, an individual shall not:
 1. Be a member of the General Assembly;
 2. Be employed by a state agency of the Commonwealth of Kentucky; or
 3. Receive contractual compensation for services rendered to a state agency of the Commonwealth of Kentucky that would conflict with his or her service on the board.
- (d) For the purpose of appointing members described in subsection (1)(b)8.a. and 9.a. of this section, "significant Medicaid-specific experience in healthcare administration, financing, policy, or research" means:
 1. Experience in administering the Kentucky Medical Assistance Program;
 2. A hospital administrator with relevant experience in Medicaid billing or regulatory compliance;
 3. An attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky with relevant experience in healthcare law;
 4. A consumer or patient advocate with relevant experience in the area of Medicaid policy; or
 5. A current or former university professor whose primary area of emphasis is healthcare economics or financing, health equity, healthcare disparities, or Medicaid policy.
- (e) Individuals appointed to the board under subsection (1)(b)8. and 9. of this section shall:
 1. Serve for a term of two (2) years; and
 2. Not serve more than one (1) consecutive term after which time he or she may not be reappointed to the board for a period of at least two (2) years.
- (f) If an individual appointed to the board pursuant to subsection (1)(b)8.b. or

9.b. of this section ceases to participate in the Medicaid program or ceases to serve on a technical advisory committee to the Advisory Council for Medical Assistance established in KRS 205.590, he or she may continue to serve on the board until his or her replacement has been appointed.

- (3) (a) Any vacancy which may occur in the membership of the board shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.
- (b) A member of the board whose term has expired may continue to serve until such time as his or her replacement has been appointed.
- (4) Members of the board shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties on the board.

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Legislative Research Commission Note (3/27/2025). This statute was created with nearly identical text in 2025 Ky. Acts ch. 110, sec. 14, and ch. 117, sec. 4, and those sections have been codified together. As the last enacted over the Governor's veto, "may not" in subsection (2)(e)2. of this section in 2025 Ky. Acts ch. 117, sec. 4, prevails over "shall not" in subsection (2)(e)2. of this section in 2025 Ky. Acts ch. 110, sec. 14.