

MEDICAID OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY BOARD

4th Minutes of 2026

March 16, 2026

Call to Order and Roll Call

The fourth meeting of the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board was held on March 16, 2026, at 11:00 AM in Room 154 of the Capitol Annex. Senator Julie Raque Adams, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Representative Ken Fleming, Co-Chair; Senator Julie Raque Adams, Co-Chair; Senators Donald Douglas, Karen Berg, Danny Carroll, Stephen Meredith, and Craig Richardson; Representatives Kimberly Poore Moser and Wade Williams; and Laura Sudkamp (proxy for Allison Ball), Lisa Lee, Sheila Schuster, Steven Stack, Tom Stephens, Vickie Yates Glisson, Hollie Harris, Joe Petrey, and Steve Shannon.

Guests: Brande Hitzelberger, Citizen.

LRC Staff: Chris Joffrion, Cameron Franey, and DJ Burns.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2026, meeting was made by Representative Moser, seconded by Senator Meredith, and approved after a voice vote.

Legislative Proposals

2026 RS HJR 24

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to withdraw all waiver applications that have been submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to establish a community engagement program, and declaring an emergency.

Sponsor Representative Ken Fleming

Co-Chair Fleming testified in favor of the resolution. 2026 RS HJR 24 directs the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) to withdraw the 1115(a) demonstration waiver application submitted to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to implement a mandatory community engagement program.

In response to Senator Carroll, Co-Chair Fleming stated 2026 RS HJR 24 ensures CHFS withdraws the waiver application submitted in June 2025.

2026 RS HB 169

AN ACT relating to coverage for feeding or eating disorders.

Sponsor Representative Ken Fleming

Co-Chair Fleming testified in favor of the bill. 2026 RS HB 169 requires Medicaid to cover treatment of eating disorders and prohibits managed care organizations from denying or prohibiting coverage based on body mass index.

2026 RS HB 176

AN ACT relating to prior authorization.

Sponsor Representative Kimberly Poore Moser

Representative Kimberly Poore Moser testified in favor of the bill. 2026 RS HB 176 allows certain provider exemptions for prior authorization requirements for health care services and requires the Department of Insurance to submit a report of services rendered for both private insurance and Medicaid.

2026 RS SB 345

AN ACT relating to Medicaid waiver program coverage for community interveners.

Sponsor Senator Julie Raque Adams

Chair Adams and Brande Hitzelberger, Citizen, testified in favor of the bill. 2026 RS SB 345 requires the Michelle P. waiver to cover community intervener services for deaf/blind individuals and directs CHFS to promulgate administrative regulations and seek federal approval from CMS.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.