

MEDICAID OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY BOARD

6th Minutes of 2026

August 26, 2026

Call to Order and Roll Call

The sixth meeting of the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board was held on August 26, 2026, at 1:00 PM 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, Amanda Mays Bledsoe, and Craig Richardson; and Representatives Adam Bowling, Jason Petrie, Samara Heavrin, Kimberly Poore Moser, Wade Williams, and Lisa Willner; and William Baker, Laura Sudkamp, Commissioner Lisa Lee, Sheila Schuster, Secretary Steven Stack, Tom Stephens, Vickie Yates Glisson, Hollie Harris, Joe Petrey, and Steve Shannon.

Guests: LeAnn Magre, Executive Director, Supporting Kentucky Youth (SKY), Aetna Better Health of Kentucky; Susan Vickers, Director of Quality, Supporting Kentucky Youth (SKY), Aetna Better Health of Kentucky; and Michelle Sanborn, President, Children's Alliance Independent Provider Association (CA-IPA).

LRC Staff: Stephanie Bates, DJ Burns, Julia Sprague, James Baggett, and Elizabeth Bradshaw.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2026, meeting was made by Senator Douglas, seconded by Representative Richardson, and approved after a voice vote.

Overview of the Aetna Supporting Kentucky Youth (SKY) Program & Children's Alliance CA-IPA Value Based Partnership with Aetna SKY

LeAnn Magre, Executive Director, Aetna Better Health SKY, provided an overview of the Aetna Supporting Kentucky Youth (SKY) program including program goals and SKY member growth journeys. Susan Vickers, Director of Quality, Aetna Better Health of Kentucky, provided an overview of SKY program outcomes including behavioral health, family engagement, and follow-up after emergency department and hospitalization for

mental illness. Michelle Sanborn, President, Children's Alliance presented an overview of the Children's Alliance Independent Provider Association (CA-IPA).

In response to Senator Berg, Ms. Vickers stated the SKY program focuses on a follow-up rate of 7 and 30 days, with 7 being the goal. Ms. Vickers stated there is a wrap-around program to ensure patients are seen within 7 days. Ms. Magre stated the follow-up process begins within the facility with discharge planning provided by staff. She stated there are various barriers to gathering data including licensed private childcare provider placements that send claims through a different contract method. Ms. Sanborn stated the Children's Alliance contract with Aetna includes a 7-day therapy follow-up submitted to a portal with supplemental data to ensure that measure is met.

In response to Commissioner Lee, Ms. Magre stated they are actively working to create a system of care to ensure children's needs are met within the state. She stated the children that are currently being seen out of state have needs that exceed the system of care within Kentucky and that changes need to be made to better the system.

In response to Mr. Stephens, Ms. Magre stated the community resource referrals include a variety of different referrals such as value-added benefits, resources for clothing, supplies, and gym memberships to intervene childhood obesity. She stated there are assessments and analyses in place to identify that the areas of need are being met. Ms. Sanborn stated they are monitoring both glucose and cholesterol to ensure medications prescribed are having the intended results. She stated this measure guarantees children are receiving the medical care they need alongside the correct medications. Ms. Magre stated they are working to combat the increased risk of diabetes and cardiovascular disease in correlation to polypharmacy with routine lab work.

In response to Co-Chair Fleming, Ms. Magre stated there is a data collection issue within licensed private childcare that does not allow Aetna to measure their follow-up care. Ms. Magre stated they need to better integrate with the school system, however there are many laws in place that currently prevent them from doing so. She stated AETNA also need to improve integration within the public health system to improve care. Ms. Magre stated if they were able to analyze preventive and young childhood services there would be more data on improvement as children age. She stated SKY receives patients and claims after they have gone through the system of care which prevents them from analyzing the process from start to finish.

In response to Senator Berg, Ms. Magre stated nationally children in child welfare are at a 13.27% likelihood of being on polypharmacy, in comparison to 3-4% for the normal

child on Medicaid. She stated the Aetna SKY program has been able to reduce their rate to 13.13%.

In response to Sheila Schuster, Ms. Sanborn stated last year the Children's Alliance provided training around psychotropic medication for foster parents on tips and questions to ask providers. She stated the partnership with SKY also allows for a closer relationship with providers to improve health trends.

In response to Senator Douglas, Ms. Magre stated their Chief Medical Officer Dr. Friedman, a pediatrician, will take the information back and investigate thyroid dysfunction in pediatrics.

Outstanding Data Requests/Reports from Department for Medicaid Services

Chair Adams stated data request and reports had been received from the Department for Medicaid Services and that members would be sent those materials for review.

Report of MOAB Subcommittees

Representative Moser gave an update on the Healthcare Transparency Dashboard Subcommittee. She stated the subcommittee is exploring which performance metrics to include on the dashboard and receiving presentations from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services on their current dashboards along with presentations from other states who have interactive dashboards.

Senator Richardson gave an update on the Waiver Waitlist Management Subcommittee. He stated at the July meeting they gathered a baseline understanding of the waivers and waitlists to establish an understanding of how the waiver waitlists are organized based on CMS and state requirements. He stated the August meeting included follow-up reports from DMS and a presentation from Louisiana regarding their waitlists and how they navigated moving to an urgency-based waitlist system.

Public Comment

Ms. Kelly Taulbee, Director of Policy & Strategic Partnerships, Kentucky Voices for Health, testified on concerns surrounding new Center for Medicare and Medicaid work requirements. Corey Nett, advocate, testified on 1915(c) waiver waitlist concerns.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:01 PM.