



**MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MAC Meeting  
MEETING MINUTES -  
Monday June 20th, 2024  
Minutes: Start 1:00pm End 3:23pm Location: ZOOM**

**Active Members**

Anthony Yepa, Indian Pueblos Council	Maggie McCowen, NM Behavioral Health Providers Association
Bruce Gilbert, BeWellNM	Meggin Lorrino, NM Association for Home & Hospice Care
Brwyn Downing, Senior Citizens Law Office	Nancy Rodriguez, NM Alliance for School-Based Health Care
Carol Luna-Anderson, The Life Link Training Institute	Nancy Smith-Leslie, BCBS
Carolyn Montoya, UNM College of Nursing	Patrick Allen, DOH
Cynthia Cisneros, OSI	Rick Madden, Family Physician
Dale Tinker, NM Pharmacists Association	Rodney McNease, Governmental Affairs and BH Admin, UNMH
Gary Housepian, Disability Rights NM	Ruby Ann Esquibel, NM Legislative Finance Committee
Joseph Sanchez, AARP	Sireesha Manne, NM Center on Law & Poverty
Katrina Hotrum-Lopez, ALTSD	Susan Lewis, Western Sky Community Care
Kristina Leeper, NM Medical Insurance Pool	Teresa Casados, CYFD
Kurt Rager, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry NM	Travis Renville, Naataanii Development Corporation
Larry Martinez, Presbyterian	Troy Clark, NM Hospital Association
Laurence Shandler, Pediatricians	Vicente Vargas, NM Health Care Association
Liz Lacouture, PHS	Yvette Ramirez Ammerman, NM Primary Care Association

<b>Welcome</b>	Larry Martinez, MAC Chairperson
<b>Meeting Protocols</b>	Dana Flannery, MAD Director
<b>Meeting Agenda and Approval-</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative</li> <li>• Proposal to Approve Agenda: 1<sup>st</sup> motion Yvette Ramirez Am</li> <li>• Larry Chandler 2<sup>nd</sup> motion</li> <li>• Rick Madden discussion request: minutes last meeting/stated he liked the</li> </ul>	Larry Martinez, MAC Chairperson

<p>notes/approved meetings notes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda approved.</li> <li>• Rick Madden motioned for approved&gt;Yvette as to removed Eileen good as rep on minutes.</li> <li>• Nancy Rodriguez 2<sup>nd</sup> motion with Yvette’s changes.</li> <li>• Notes approved.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Introductions:</b></p>	<p>Dana Flannery, MAD Director</p>
<p><b>HB400 Discussion and Guidance-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Mexico Health Care Authority (HCA) contracted with Mercer Government Human Services Consulting (Mercer), part of Mercer Health &amp; Benefits LLC, to support the legislatively mandated study of the Medicaid Forward Plan, as outlined in HB400 (2023)</li> <li>• Mercer is a consulting firm that works with State Medicaid agencies to design, implement, and evaluate Medicaid programs</li> <li>• The Mercer team is comprised of specialists in a variety of areas including actuarial, financial, clinical, informatics, and policy and operations</li> <li>• Mercer engages in a variety of work with HCA including actuarial services, benefit design and fee development, policy and operations support, and other projects as assigned</li> </ul> <p>2023 House Bill (HB) 400 As described in HB 400 (2023), Medicaid Forward would provide health care coverage to residents that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are under the age of 65</li> <li>2. Are not otherwise eligible for and enrolled in New Mexico Medicaid</li> <li>3. Have a household income that exceeds 133% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)</li> </ol> <p><b>The Medicaid Forward study is required by HB 400 (state legislation passed by the New Mexico legislature in 2023) and requires a study on the feasibility of creating and implementing a state-administered health coverage plan that leverages Medicaid, or Medicaid Forward</b></p> <p>HB 400 (2023) does not mandate the following for Medicaid Forward:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Structure of the delivery system</li> <li>2. Particular benefits</li> <li>3. Limits on income eligibility</li> </ol> <p><b>The Medicaid Forward study is required by HB 400 (state legislation passed by the New Mexico legislature in 2023) and requires a study on the feasibility of creating and implementing a state-administered health coverage plan that leverages Medicaid, or Medicaid Forward</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Phase one of the Medicaid Forward study was conducted by the Urban Institute on behalf of the New Mexico Office of the Superintendent of Insurance (OSI)</li> <li>▪ Mercer, in phase two, is furthering the work of phase one, including aiding HCA with program design recommendations regarding Medicaid Forward and assessing the impacts on health care coverage in New Mexico</li> <li>▪ Mercer will be conducting a variety of tasks including an assessment of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Expected impact of Medicaid Forward on; enrollment levels, premiums, and cost sharing on different areas of the market (Medicaid, New Mexico health insurance exchange, and other public plans)</li> <li>▪ Reimbursement levels for providers and facilities</li> <li>▪ Operational costs of administration of Medicaid Forward</li> <li>▪ Potential Medicaid waiver authorities and strategies</li> <li>▪ Budgetary needs and impacts</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Impact to other Markets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Impact to Other Health Insurance Markets</li> </ul>	<p>Dana Flannery, MAD Director</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ BeWellNM</li> <li>▪ ACA requires state residents to have access to an exchange</li> <li>▪ Eligibility for federal Premium Tax Credits and Cost Sharing Reductions only apply to individuals without other minimum essential coverage</li> <li>▪ Employer Sponsored Insurance (Public and Non-Public Employers)</li> <li>▪ Costs of continuing to offer coverage</li> </ul>	
Public comment Related to HB400 (23)	
<p><b>CMS MAC/BAC Guidelines</b>  Medicaid advisory committee (mac) and beneficiary advisory council (bac) changes and new requirements</p>	Julie Lovato
<b>Public Comment MAC/BAS</b>	
Adjournment Motion to Adjourn Megan 2 <sup>nd</sup> motion- 3:23pm	Larry Martinez, MAC Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted: Erica Cerno

Date: 7/28/24