

**Alabama Medicaid Agency
 Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)
 Meeting Minutes**



Section 1. Meeting minutes summary

Meeting date	February 18, 2026	Start time	1:00 p.m.
Meeting format	Hybrid	End time	1:54 p.m.
Members present		Members absent	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jennifer Harris 2. Linda Lee 3. Shannon M. Shelley-Tremblay 4. Jeff Arrington 5. Caroline Carter 6. Danne Howard 7. Louise Jones 8. Katrina Magdon 9. Mary Finch 10. Darryle Powell 11. Kara Huls, M.D. 12. Marsha Raulerson, M.D. 13. Lisa Alford - for Jane Elizabeth Burdeshaw 14. Catherine Donald - for Scott Harris, M.D. 15. Preston Hornsby - for Nancy Buckner 16. Dr. Christine Rembert - for Kimberly Boswell 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mark Jackson 2. Cori Scott 3. Kimberlee Harkins 4. Rozetta Roberts - for Jean Brown 	
Other meeting attendees			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commissioner Timothy "Bo" A. Offord, Jr. 2. Deputy Commissioner Barry Cambron 3. Deputy Commissioner Ginger Carmack 4. Deputy Commissioner and CIO Mason Tanaka 5. Deputy Commissioner Judy Thomas 6. Dr. Darlene Traffanstedt 7. Tiffany Brown-Smith 8. Melanie Cleveland 9. Britany Edwards 10. James Hartin 11. Monica Abron 12. Lauren Ray 13. Audrianna Hills 14. Leslie Moore 15. Ramona Henson 16. Melissa Moore 17. Arin McCarty 18. Brian Massey 19. Tracey Sides-Bavaro 20. Phil Galewitz 21. Anna Pritchett 22. Nate Horsley 23. Sabra Sutton 			

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Other meeting attendees
24. Call-in user 1
25. Brandi
26. Akash

Section 2. Meeting minutes details

2.1 Start of the meeting

A quorum was met, and no conflicts of interest were disclosed.

2.2 Welcome from Medicaid Leadership

Communications Director Melanie Cleveland welcomed and thanked the MAC members, provided the agenda, and gave housekeeping notes.

2.3 Background and MAC Overview

Melanie presented the background on BAC and MAC and outcomes and reporting information. She also explained the MAC purpose, operations, meeting structure and meeting topics. Melanie also discussed membership changes, MAC member guidelines, and future topics for meetings.

2.4 Medicaid Website Updates

Melanie presented and provided Medicaid Website updates.

2.5 Updates from the BAC

Melanie presented and provided updates from the quarter 2 BAC meeting. She then discussed the key topics of the BAC meeting.

2.6 Member Survey Results

Melanie thanked the MAC members for completing the survey and provided the survey participation results.

2.7 Topics for Future Meetings

Melanie provided topics for future meetings on the corresponding slide. She stated that there will be some focus on communication and how Medicaid communicates changes in future meetings.

2.8 Medicaid Program and Policy Updates

Deputy Commissioner Ginger Carmack presented and explained The CMS Access Rule providing the overview, progress and next steps.

Commissioner Offord provided the overview, progress and next steps of Federal H.R.1, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA).

2.9 MAC Member Questions

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Question: Can members review and vote on the meeting minutes prior to posting.

Medicaid Answer: Melanie stated that she will look into adding a vote on minutes for future meetings prior to publishing the finalized minutes. The agency must post minutes within 30 days after the meeting; however, preliminary minutes can be posted, and then the MAC can vote on the minutes at the beginning of the next quarterly meeting.

Question: More information was requested about the \$94 million carryforward from the FY 2025 budget.

Medicaid Answer: Commissioner Offord explained that projections for the FY 2025 budget were estimated years in advance.

Question: Is there a fiscal impact from provider specific tax changes and other initiatives such as work requirements?

Medicaid Answer: Commissioner Offord explained that OBBBA freezes provider taxes and, because Alabama is a non-expansion state, and the state's provider taxes will not be subject to reduction. Likewise, since Alabama is a non-expansion state, it will not be subject to the work requirement provisions of OBBBA.

Question: What is the transition process for MAC member terms?

Medicaid Answer: Transition time is at the end of July. July ends the first year and the new year starts in August. It was also reiterated that members cannot serve consecutive terms and provided instructions on how to recruit future members.

Question: Will all new terms be three years?

Medicaid Answer: They can be one, two, or three year terms.

Question: Can members change and vote on the MAC bylaws?

Medicaid Answer: MAC and BAC Bylaws require commissioner approval for any changes.

Question: Can two pharmacists who are interested in serving both serve as MAC members?

Medicaid Answer: Yes, if they were both approved by Commissioner Offord.

Question: If a member is unable to attend a meeting, could someone else attend in their place.

Medicaid Answer: Voting members cannot have someone else attend in their place; however, visitors may attend a public meeting. Proxy voting is not currently allowed for voting members.

Section 3. Next Steps

Melanie provided upcoming meeting dates and times as well as proposed meeting topics.

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3.1 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Submitted by

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Recording Secretary

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