

Medicaid Advisory Committee – MAC and BAC Updates

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What is the new MAC/BAC requirement?



- In April, CMS created the new **Access Rule**, which requires states to have a Medicaid **Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC)** in addition to the **Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)**.
- We are required to establish the BAC by **July 9, 2025**.
- The purpose of these new requirements is to **elevate the voices of Medicaid members**.



Wisconsin Medicaid's goal is to engage **Medicaid members to inform decisions that impact them.**

Planning for the MAC and BAC



- CMS has set some requirements for:
 - The **topics** we bring to MAC/BAC.
 - The **composition** of MAC and BAC – MAC will need to include BAC members.
 - The **timing** of MAC/BAC meetings.
- Wisconsin Medicaid has flexibility to decide:
 - How to **recruit** and **select** members.
 - How to ensure the MAC and BAC **represent the diversity of Medicaid members.**
 - How to **compensate BAC members** for their effort and expertise.

Discussion Questions



- How should we structure the MAC/BAC to create two diverse and collaborative groups?
- How can we facilitate our meetings to make all members feel safe, welcome, and empowered to engage?
- What opportunities do you see for the new BAC and the evolving MAC?