

Date & Time:	Thursday, September 18, 2025
Location:	Google Meet – Conference call 1:00PM
Members	DOHS: Joseph Bush, Jennifer Myers, Margaret Brown Council Members: Member 1, Member 2, Member 3, Member 4, Member 5

	Opening Remarks & Housekeeping Items • Call to order • Brief overview of meeting objectives • Review of previous meeting notes • Update: BAC member changes in Mileage Protocol The next meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2025.	<i>Facilitator</i>
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	Items for Review	
1.	Presentation 1: Newborn Screenings • Speaker presentation • Q&A regarding presentation • Short break (5-10 Minutes)	TBA
2.	Presentation 2: IDD Waiver • Speaker presentation • Q&A regarding presentation	TBA
4.	Closing Discussion • Open floor for general questions • Suggestions for future meeting topics • Adjournment	Facilitator

Meeting Minutes

Opening Remarks & Housekeeping

- **Call to Order:** Joseph Bush, Facilitator, officially opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.
- **Roll Call:** Attendees included Joseph Bush, Alice Niday, Donna Pauley Wilson, Joy Burns, Jennifer Myers, Cindy Beane, Sarah Young, Robert Windle, Samantha Matos, Stacy Hanshaw, Lisa Toms, Teresa Marks, Angela Signore, Sabrina Pendergrass, Julie Jackson, and Margaret Brown.
- **Welcome Address:** Commissioner Cindy Beane welcomed participants to the first official BAC meeting and emphasized the importance of member input in shaping Medicaid services.
- **Meeting Objectives:** Joseph Bush reviewed the goals of the meeting and highlighted the importance of collaborative feedback.
- **Review of Previous Meeting Notes:** The council reviewed prior meeting minutes. No questions were raised regarding bylaws, the BAC webpage, or meeting rules.
- **Mileage Reimbursement Reminder:** Members were reminded to submit future mileage reimbursement forms directly to Joseph Bush.
- **Presentation Conduct Guidelines:** Members were asked to hold questions until the end of each presentation, avoid interruptions, and maintain respectful, concise dialogue.

Presentation 1: Newborn Screenings

Presenter: Donna Pauley Wilson, RN, Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health (OMCFH), Bureau of Public Health

Topic: Newborn Screening

Q&A Session: Questions focused on Medicaid coverage and genetic testing protocols.

- **Question:** How does Medicaid cover newborn screenings?
 - **Answer:** Medicaid covers screenings at a DRG rate or as a lump sum to hospitals.
- **Question:** Can we get more information on how genetic testing works regarding Medicaid?
 - **Answer:** Stacy Hanshaw explained that pre-pregnancy genetic testing must be prior authorized based on medical necessity, unlike private insurance. She offered to review specific codes if provided by council members and send additional information.
- **Break:** A 10-minute recess followed the presentation.

Presentation 2: IDD (Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities) Waiver

Presenter: Angela Signore, Program Manager for the IDD Waiver and CDCSP, Bureau for Medical Services

Topic: IDD Waiver Program

Discussion Highlights:

- West Virginia's IDD Waiver waitlist averages 2–3 years; other states may have longer wait times (e.g., New Jersey: 20 years).
- Program funding is federally allocated via CMS and state legislation. Commissioner Beane provided historical context regarding litigation and the first-come, first-served policy.
- Restrictions on goods and services were discussed, including items like fecal body suits and safety beds. Policy revisions are being considered for medically necessary clothing.
- Respite care challenges were noted, including CMS requirements for fingerprinting and first aid. A grant from the Bureau for Public Health may help address low pay rates.

Closing Discussion

Council members were asked about their feelings regarding meeting format.

- **Meeting Format Feedback:** Members expressed satisfaction with the current format.

Council members were asked for future presentation topics suggestions. Topics submitted:

- SNAP and Medicaid benefits (considering H.R.1)
- Substance Use Disorder
- Policy guidelines
- Rare diseases
- Medication guidelines
- Chronic conditions
- Genetic diseases
- Work requirements for Medicaid recipients (H.R.1 implementation in 2027)

Council was asked if they had any changes to the Bylaws presented in their first meeting.

- Members unanimously accepted the bylaws as presented.

Council members were asked if they would like to elect a chairperson to run council meetings or continue to let BMS manage and run the BAC meetings.

- The group opted to continue with BMS staff facilitating meetings rather than nominating a chairperson.

MSFAC Overview was provided by Margaret Brown, Communications and Program Policy Coordinator

Margaret Brown provided background on the Medical Services Fund Advisory Council (MSFAC). This meeting is held quarterly on Fridays at the TC Energy building and includes a wide range of representatives. State Plan Amendments (SPAs) are discussed and voted on during these meetings. There are both voting and non-voting members. Examples of represented groups include:

- Legislative Oversight Committee
- American Dental Association

- West Virginia Hospital Association
- Managed Care Organizations
- Behavioral Health
- Finance
- Program Integrity

Two BAC representatives were selected to attend and have voting privileges. The MSFAC meeting is open to the public.

Adjournment

Joseph Bush thanked all attendees for their participation and dedication.

The meeting was officially adjourned.