

MINUTES
MEDICAL SERVICES FUND ADVISORY COUNCIL
(MSFAC)
TC Energy Conference Room
June 26, 2026

Members and Alternates Present or Online

Sherri Ferrell, WV Primary Care Association, CEO, MSFAC Chair
Sarah Young, Deputy Commissioner of Policy and Operations, BMS (alternate)
Lisa Costello, MD, MPH, West Virginia State Medical Association (online)
Melanie Dempsey, WV Hospital Association (online)
Jeff Wiseman, Managed Care Organization Advocate (alternate)
Kimberly Becher, MD, WV Academy of Family Physicians (online)
Hallie Mason, Dental Association (online)
Scott Eder, DDS, Dental Association (alternate/online)
Matthew Davis, WV Academy of Family Physicians (alternate/online)
Marty Wright, WV Healthcare Association
Scott Brown, WV Board of Pharmacy (online)
Rhonda Rogombe, Local Advocacy Consumer Group (online)
Evan Worrell, House of Delegates, Health and Human Resources Accountability Committee Chair

Bureau for Medical Services Employees (BMS) Present or Online

Margaret Brown
Jennifer Myers
Joseph Bush
Gary Knight
Mandy Carpenter
Regina McCormick
Joy Burns (online)
Alice Niday (online)

Interested Parties Present or Online:

Benita Whitman, Legal Aid
Jeremiah Samples, Walker and Stevens

Welcome, Opening Remarks:

- Council Chair, Sherri Ferrell, requested MSFAC Coordinator, Margaret Brown, to begin roll call.
- The Council approved the Minutes from the previous March 27, 2026, meeting.
- There were no Commissioner Updates.

Policy and Operations Update:

- Deputy Commissioner of Policy and Operations provided the following update:
 - Enrollment: After experiencing a period of fluctuation, the total enrollment as of June 1, 2026, was 488,530.
- The final version of *Chapter 300, Provider Participation Requirements*, has been posted. *Chapter 518, Pharmacy Services* is set to become effective July 1, 2026. Several other chapters, including those concerning nursing facilities and local health departments, are currently undergoing review following the public comment period.
- Young presented information regarding the HR1 (Reconciliation Act of 2025) Requirements through PowerPoint: New federal guidelines regarding community engagement, medical frailty, and hardship exemptions were discussed. The state is shifting its approach to medical frailty to rely on electronic claims data and MCO assessments rather than just diagnoses. The State is

utilizing multiple communication channels, including postcards, email, and robocalls, to notify members of these changes while mitigating concerns regarding potential scams.

- The BMS Office of Professional Services Director, Jennifer Myers, presented the MSFAC Annual Report.
- Myers stated that the Council's first annual report is due July 9, 2026. It will be posted on the MSFAC website by August 9, 2026. Council members have until July 8, 2026, to provide feedback by emailing MSFAC Coordinator, Margaret Brown

Plan Management and Integrity Update:

- Deputy Commissioner of Plan Management and Integrity, Gary Knight, presented the following update:
 - A nutrition-based intervention pilot (House Bill 4982) is being evaluated to provide six months of medically tailored foods for high-risk conditions like diabetes and heart disease.
 - House Bill 5430 is in development to manage prescription drug utilization.
 - Provider revalidation continues, with high-risk providers undergoing reviews every two years.

Finance Update:

- Interim Deputy Commissioner of Finance, Mandy Carpenter presented the following financial update:
 - Expenditures show a significant year-over-year increase in managed care, driven largely by Directed Payment Program (DPP) fees and prior period rate adjustments.
 - The bureau is working to improve budget predictability and transparency regarding these contractual rate increases.
 - Fee-for-service rates will be published on the website following July 1, 2026, to meet transparency requirements.

State Plan Amendment (SPA) Update:

- Interim Deputy Commissioner of Finance, Mandy Carpenter presented SPA 26-0003. The SPA transitions facility reimbursement from an appraisal-based methodology to a fair rental value system.
- SPA 26-0003 was approved.

Public Comment:

- Benita Whitman, Legal Aid announced the passing of longtime advocate. The Council honored the memory of Nancy Tyler, a lifelong healthcare advocate who recently passed away. Whitman provided Memorial Services information to the Council.

Minutes submitted by:
Margaret Y. Brown
Bureau for Medical Services