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Public Meeting Notice

Beneficiary Advisory Council

Friday, April 10, 2026 | 2:00p.m. – 4:00p.m.

This meeting will be held virtually using WebEx.

- **To join by link:** Please register in advance of the meeting and join the meeting a few minutes before it starts. Please use the following meeting link to register:
 - <https://illinois.webex.com/weblink/register/rb045e8ac4b33aea559a370963648ea00>
 - During this brief registration your name and email will be required.
 - Once registered, WebEx will provide you access to the meeting link.
- **To join by phone:** +1-312-535-8110 (Chicago) Toll, ++1-415-655-0002 US Toll
- **Meeting Number & Access Code:** 2633 202 9751 **Password:** BAC041026

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call of BAC Members
3. Introduction of HFS staff
4. Purpose of BAC
5. Leadership Comments
6. Membership Introductions and Sharing
7. Review Process of Making a Motion
8. Ground Rules
9. Beneficiary Advisory Council Refresher
10. Open and Closed Meeting Operations
11. Review of Draft Bylaws
12. Chair and Vice Chair Operations
13. Healthcare & Family Services Executive Report
 - A. H.R.1 Update
14. Community Resources
15. BAC Operations

16. Public Comments

17. Additional Business: Old & New

18. Adjournment

HFS is committed to ensuring that this BAC session meets the disability access needs of all participants. Please contact Melishia Bansa at hfs.boards.and.commissions@illinois.gov with any disability access requests as early as possible. Please use the following subject line in your email: **Request for Beneficiary Advisory Council Disability Support for BAC Meeting: Friday, April 10, 2026.**

WebEx Tips

- Closed Captioning will be available during the meeting.
- We strongly suggest using the WebEx link to attend the meeting so that you will have full functionality and capabilities during the meeting.
- You may use your computer's audio or the phone option for sound; in our experience the "Call me" option has the best sound quality.
- If you are calling-in and not using the WebEx link, please email Melishia Bansa at hfs.boards.and.commissions@illinois.gov **before 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2026.** Please use the following subject line in your email: **Request for Beneficiary Advisory Council Attendee Support for BAC Meeting: Friday, April 10, 2026.** You will then receive any last-minute meeting materials if applicable.
- Individuals participating through WebEx may use the "chat" function to communicate with the meeting host and/or co-host.

To Provide Public Comments, You Must Register in Advance As follows:

- To speak during the meeting, interested parties must email Melishia Bansa at hfs.boards.and.commissions@illinois.gov And register **by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2026.**
- Please title your email correspondence with the following statement in the subject line: **Request to Provide Beneficiary Advisory Council Public Comment during BAC Meeting: Friday, April 10, 2026.**
- All public speakers must provide their name, title, organization name, email address and contact number when signing up to speak.
- **Speaker Requirements During the Meeting:** The Department will try to accommodate as many requests as possible, however there is limited availability for public comments. Comments must be short in length. At the Department's discretion and based upon the public comment time allotted, each speaker will be given **less than 3 minutes** to provide comments during the meeting.
- Speakers on the same subject are encouraged to collaborate and have a single spokesperson, if possible.
- Once your request has been reviewed, you will receive a confirmation email from hfs.boards.and.commissions@illinois.gov
- Registrants will be provided with details of how to join the meeting to provide comments by **Thursday April 9, 2026**

Regarding the Submission of Written Comments:

- Additionally, interested parties may also provide written comments to the Department in lieu of speaking during the meeting.

- Comments will be read into to record by the Chair or administrative personnel.
- **Comment Requirements:** Comments must be short in length and **must not** exceed 3 minutes when read during the meeting.
- Please email request to provide written comments to Melishia Bansa at hfs.boards.and.commissions@illinois.gov by **Wednesday, April 8, 2026.**
- Please title your email correspondence with the following statement in the subject line: **Request to Provide BAC Written Comment on Friday, April 10, 2026.**

Postponing the WebEx Meeting:

- If in the event of any technical errors with the Virtual WebEx platform that could impede upon the virtual operations of the meeting experience, the meeting will be postponed until further notice.
- Registered Attendees will receive an email notification informing them the meeting has been postponed until further notice.
- Registered Attendees will receive an email notification regarding the new date of the rescheduled meeting.

This notice is available at:

<https://hfs.illinois.gov/about/boardsandcommissions/beneficiaryadvisorycouncil/bacmeetingnotice.html>