

MCO Oversight Commission Meeting Minutes

Date | Time: Thursday, July 24, 2025 | 10:30am – 12:30pm

Location: This meeting was held virtually on the WebEx Platform.

Audience: MCO Oversight Commission

MCO Oversight Group Members Present:

Co-Chair (*)

Anthony LoSasso, Academic Expert on Medicaid Managed Care Program

Camille Lilly*, State Representative

Cornetta Levi, Pharmacy Representative of a Pharmacy

Sen. Dave Syverson, State Senator

David Sharar, Representative of Behavioral Health Providers

Garth Reynolds, Representative of Pharmacists

Gerald (Jud) DeLoss, Representative of a Behavioral Health Association

Jennie Pinkwater, Representative of Pediatricians

Jordan Powell, Member of Statewide Assoc. Representing Maj. of Hospitals

Keshonna Lones, Department of Healthcare and Family Services

Marie Rucker, Representative of a Development Disability Association

Mark Corey, Dept. of Human Services

Matthew Wolf, Representative of Medicaid Managed Plans

Sen. Mattie Hunter*, State Senator

Nadeen Israel, Medicaid Consumer Advocate

Nina Davis, Department of Children and Family Services

William Simon, Representative of a Dental Association

Absences Recorded:

Audrey Tanksley, Representative of an Association Representing Physicians

Carthans, Caprice Medicaid Consumer

Charles (Matt) Hartman, Representative of a Long-Term Care Association

Joshua Gottlieb, Academic Expert on Medicaid Managed Care Program

Olumide Idowu, Representative of Federally Qualified Health Centers

Raul Garza, Member of Statewide Association Representing Primary Care Providers

HFS Staff Present:

HFS Director (*)

Medicaid Administrator ()**

Aileen Kim, Deputy Chief of Staff

Elizabeth Whitehorn, Director*

Helena Lefkow, Deputy Administrator, Managed Care Performance

Melishia Bansa, Deputy Director for Community Engagement

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Representative Camille Lilly, MCO Oversight Commission Co-chair, on Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 10:35 AM via the WebEx Platform.
 - A. **General Meeting Operations and Communications:** This was provided by Melishia Bansa, Deputy Director of Community Outreach.
- II. **Roll Call of MCO Commission Members:** Ms. Bansa, Deputy Director of Community Outreach, facilitated roll call of Commission Members. Quorum was confirmed.
- III. **Introduction to HFS Staff:** Ms. Bansa, Deputy Director of Community Outreach, introduced HFS staff who were present in person at the meeting. Lizzy Whitehorn, HFS Director, greeted the committee and provided an update about the passing of One Big, Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA).
- IV. **Review of Meeting Minutes:** State Representative Camille Lilly, MCO Oversight Commission Co-Chair, presented motion for approval of meeting minutes. The motion was moved by Jordan Powell, Commission Member. Garth Reynolds, Commission Member, seconded the motion. No oppositions. No abstentions. **Motion Carried.**
- V. **Healthcare & Family Services Executive Presentations: Complete presentations will be made available under the MCO Oversight Commission Presentations Decks at the following link:** [Medicaid Managed Care Oversight Commission \(illinois.gov\)](https://www.illinois.gov/medicaid/managed-care/oversight).
 - A. **Managed Care Community Network (MCCN) Certification**, presented by Helena Leftkowitz, HFS Deputy Administrator. Currently accepting applications for provider-led entities for Cook County. Applications due August 4, 2025. MCCN certification does not guarantee or imply an MCO contract. Still need to go through the state contract process.
 - B. **MCO Value-Based Payment Spending**, presented by Lybby Bunzli, Milliman. Provided Value-Based Payment (VBP) Overview. VBP shows different sub-contractor payment models based on improving healthcare, better health for populations, and reducing spending.
 - C. **Update on HealthChoice Illinois (HCI) Procurement Timeline**, provided by Ms. Lefkowitz, HFS Deputy Administrator. The current HCI contracts expire in December 2026. HFS anticipates managed care contract opportunities to participate in the plan to be available in mid-2025. If anyone is interested in submitting bids, submit on state's bid site, BidBuy.
- VI. **Discussion:** Commission members discussed the MCO Commission 13 goals. Commission members wish to continue the discussion of goal #9 in the next meeting. One commission member discussed HFS prior authorization policies and encouraged other commission members to review those MCO rules.
 - A. **Public Comments:** No public comments registered. Ms. Bansa allowed questions from Angela McLemore, who stated she is concerned that different hospitals have cost effective analyses, and asked, is there any standardization that the MCOs do? Applying Social Services into value-based models? MCOs have different translation needs in terms of social services, that I think should be tied into this value-based payments.
- VII. **Additional Business Old & New:** Ms. Bansa, Deputy Director of Community Outreach. No old business.
 - A. **General Announcements** were provided by Ms. Bansa.
 - i. Future meetings – next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 8, 2025. The last meeting of the calendar year is tentatively scheduled for December 10, 2025.
 - ii. Reminder to complete mandatory trainings. MCO Oversight commission member resources provided.
- VIII. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 11:47 AM.
 - A. **Motion:** Ms. Bansa, Deputy Director of Community Outreach, presented motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was moved by Nadeen Israel, Commission Member.

The motion was seconded by Jordan Powell, Commission member. No oppositions. No abstentions. **Motion Carried.**