

MCO Oversight Commission Meeting Minutes

Date | Time: Wednesday, December 10, 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

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

Mark Corey, Dept. of Human Services

Sen. Mattie Hunter*, State Senator

Nadeen Israel, Medicaid Consumer Advocate

Olumide (Ollie) Idowu, Representative of Federally Qualified Health Centers

William Simon, Representative of a Dental Association

MCO Oversight Proxies Present:

Ashley Snavely Proxy for **Charles (Matt) Hartman**, Representative of a Long-Term Care Association

Absences Recorded:

Audrey Tanksley, Representative of an Association Representing Physicians

Caprice Carthans, Medicaid Consumer

David Sharar, Representative of Behavioral Health Providers

Sen. Dave Syverson, State Senator

Marie Rucker, Representative of a Development Disability Association

Nina Davis, Department of Children and Family Services

Raul Garza, Member of Statewide Association Representing Primary Care Providers

HFS Staff Present:

HFS Director (*)

Medicaid Administrator ()**

Dana Kelly
Dominic Marchiori
Heather Eagleton
Jessica Pickens

Melishia Bansa
Patrick Hostert
Sarah Sugar

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Senator Mattie Hunter, MCO Commission Co-Chair, on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 10:40 AM via the WebEx Platform.
 - A. **General Meeting Operations and Communications:** This was provided by Melishia Bansa, Deputy Director of Community Outreach.
- II. **Welcome by Co-Chairs:** Comments provided by Ms. Bansa, Deputy Director of Community Outreach.
- III. **Roll Call of MCO Commission Members:** Ms. Bansa, Deputy Director of Community Outreach, facilitated roll call of Commission Members. **Quorum was confirmed.**
- IV. **Introduction to HFS Staff:** Ms. Bansa, Deputy Director of Community Outreach, introduced HFS staff who were present at the meeting. Dana Kelly, Chief of Staff, Helena Lefkow, Deputy Administration, Managed Care Performance, Keshonna Lones, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Managed Care, Sarah Sugar, Special Assistant to the Director for Managed Care.
 - A. Ms. Kelly, Chief of Staff, provided brief leadership remarks.
- V. **Review of Meeting Minutes:** Ms. Bansa, Deputy Director of Community Outreach, called for a motion to approve the October 8, 2025 meeting minutes. Garth Reynolds, MCO Commission member, moved to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Sen. Mattie Hunter, MCO Commission Co-Chair. No oppositions. Mark Corey, MCO Commission member, abstained. **Motion Carried.**
- VI. **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-commission).**
 - A. **HCI Procurement Update**, presented by Keshonna Lones, HFS Bureau of Managed Care, briefly discussed the new HCI procurement contracts that will be effective January 1, 2027. Ms. Lones then introduced Sarah Sugar, Special Assistant to the Director for Managed Care. Ms. Sugar provided an overview of key changes and priorities to the HCI contract.
 - B. **Review Summary of all points presented thus far**, presented by Keshonna Lones, HFS Bureau of Managed Care. Points 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 11, and 12 were highlighted. Remaining points to be discussed include quality metrics, prior authorization, contract compliance, and safety net hospitals.
 - C. **Annual Report**, presented by Ms. Bansa Deputy Director of Community Outreach. A report is to be submitted before end of the calendar year. Ms. Bansa, Deputy Director of Community Outreach, called for a motion for HFS to create the annual report, and that the Commission members will have a period of time to respond with additional feedback, before report is submitted at end of calendar year. Senator Hunter, MCO Commission Co-Chair moved the motion. The motion was seconded by Matt Hartman, MCO Commission member. No oppositions. No abstentions. **Motion Carried.**
- VII. **Discussion:** No further discussion.
- VIII. **Public Comments:** No public comments registered.
- IX. **Additional Business Old & New:**
 - A. **Items for future discussion** were provided by Senator Hunter, MCO Oversight Co-Chair.
 - i. Recommendation for future discussion:
 - A. Garth Reynolds – requests a presentation from HFS, once the approval of the state's rural health transformation program application is approved, to know how the program may overlap or work within the MCO component, so this commission can help provide its expertise for the

rural health transformation program under the MCO umbrella.

B. HFS Announcements:

- i. Future meetings – 2026 meetings will meet quarterly. Future meetings TBD.
- ii. Boards and Commissions Resources:
 - A. **Rules**, presented by Omar Shaker, Chief of Administrative Reules, Office of the General Counsel, OMA Designee.
 - B. **Bureau of training**, presented by Ms. Bansa, Deputy Director of Community Outreach. Notice provided that if trainings are completed outside OneNet, they still need to be completed inside OneNet to be considered complete for this Commission.
- iii. Reminder to complete mandatory training. MCO Oversight Commission member resources provided.

X. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:48 AM.

- A. **Motion:** Ms. Bansa, Deputy Director of Community Outreach, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Senator Mattie Hunter, MCO Commission Co-Chair, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Nadeen Israel, MCO Commission member. No oppositions. No abstentions. **Motion Carried.**