

# MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAC)

Aug 2, 2024

VIRTUAL WebEx Meeting

10AM – 12PM



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## OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

# We improve lives.

- ▶ We address social and structural determinants of health.
- ▶ We empower customers to maximize their health and well being.
- ▶ We provide consistent, responsive service to our colleagues and customers.
- ▶ We make equity the foundation of everything we do.

This is possible because:

- ▶ **We value our staff as our greatest asset.**

We do this by:

Fully staffing a diverse workforce whose skills and experiences strengthen HFS.

Ensuring all staff and systems work together.

Maintaining a positive workplace where strong teams contribute, grow and stay.

Providing exceptional training programs that develop and support all employees.

- ▶ **We are always improving.**

We do this by:

Having specific and measurable goals and using analytics to improve outcomes.

Using technology and interagency collaboration to maximize efficiency and impact.

Learning from successes and failures.

- ▶ **We inspire public confidence.**

We do this by:

Using research and analytics to drive policy and shape legislative initiatives.

Clearly communicating the impacts of our work.

Being responsible stewards of public resources.

Staying focused on our goals.

# I. Call To Order



### A. Presentation of MAC: 2024 Vice Chair Nominee: Amber Smock



Amber has served as Access Living's Director of Advocacy since 2010 and was promoted this year to Vice President of Advocacy. Amber executes Access Living's advocacy vision through policy, community organizing, and issue education. She guides Access Living's strategic disability advocacy partnerships at all levels of government across a range of topics, including healthcare, home and community-based services, mental health, housing, education, transportation, immigration, and diversion/reentry.

Amber was the original facilitator of the federal-state working group Disability Power for Community Integration. She also supports international disability learning exchange, particularly through the U.S. Professional Fellows Programs. Amber is a skilled presenter and trainer, a member of ADA25 and Leadership Greater Chicago, and a recipient of numerous local and national awards for her disability advocacy.

Amber is a proud member of the Deaf community who grew up in mainstreamed schools, learned ASL as a young adult, and now relies on lip-reading, ASL interpreters, and video relay technologies for communication access.

# Welcome To The MAC

The Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) advises the Department of Healthcare and Family Services with respect to policy and planning related to the health and medical services provided under the department's Medical Programs including Medical Assistance, All Kids and FamilyCare pursuant to federal Medicaid requirements established at 42 CFR 431.12.

# House Keeping

- Meeting basics:
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  - If you have a question during the meeting, please utilize the Webex chat feature to send your question directly to the Committee chair or any of the host or co-host.

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## Meeting basics Cont.

- The chair will try to address as many questions as possible during designated sections of the meeting. We recognize that due to the limited allotted time, your question may not be answered during the meeting, therefore be sure to visit the HFS Webpage for a list of helpful resources. Your questions are important to us and will help inform the development of future presentations and informational materials.
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- Patience, please – many meeting attendees may be new to MAC proceedings.
- Minutes of the prior meeting will be circulated to Committee members in advance of each session. Once approved, they will be posted to the website along with today's MAC presentation deck.

# Summary of Agenda

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll call of MAC Committee Members**
- III. Introduction of HFS staff**
- IV. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes**
- V. HFS Leadership Comments**
- VI. Healthcare & Family Services Executive Report**
- VII. Subcommittee Reports & Recommendations**
- VIII. Public Comments**
- IX. Additional Business: Old & New**
- X. Adjournment**



# II. Roll Call of Committee Members



## A. Roll Call

\*Chair

\*\*Vice Chair

- Amber Smock\*\* - Access Living
- Audrey Pennington\* - Aunt Martha's Health & Wellness
- Brian Cloch - Oak Street Health | Transitional Care Management
- Howard Peters III - HAP, Inc.
- Kathy Chan - Cook County Health
- Kim Mercer-Schleider- Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities
- Larry McCulley - SIHF Healthcare
- Dan S. Lustig- Haymarket Center
- Flavia Lamberghini – UIC Pediatric Dentistry Department | Apple Dental Care
- John J. Spears - Foster Parent
- Kimberly A. Hefner - Riverside School District 96 | Parent
- Lettie Beatrice Hicks - COFI | Parent
- Mary Cooley- Aetna Better Health of Illinois

# III. Introduction of HFS Staff



# IV. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes



# V. HFS Leadership Comments



# Timeline: Customer & Stakeholder Experience in Medicaid Managed Care Listening Session

2024 Timeline	Meeting Modality	Audience	Meeting Purpose	Registration Details
Aug 2 10am-12pm	Virtual	MAC	Intro to Concept	<a href="#">2024 MAC and Subcommittee Meeting Notice   HFS (illinois.gov)</a>
August 21 10am-12pm	Virtual	Discussion: Pub Ed Subcommittee of the MAC	Full Discussion	<a href="#">2024 MAC and Subcommittee Meeting Notice   HFS (illinois.gov)</a>
Sept 12 1pm-4pm	In-Person	Town Hall Chicago Location: College of Pharmacy 833 S Wood Street, Chicago, IL 60612   Room 134-3   Time 1-4pm	Full Listening Session	<a href="#">Customer and Stakeholder Listening Session: Medicaid MCO Experience</a>
Sept 17 1pm-4pm	In-Person	Town Hall Springfield Location: Illinois Department of Agriculture   801 E. Sangamon Avenue Springfield, IL 62702   John Block Building – Auditorium, Illinois State Fairgrounds, Gate 11  Time 1-4pm	Full Listening Session	<a href="#">Customer and Stakeholder Listening Session: Medicaid MCO Experience</a>
September 24 10am-12pm	Virtual	Discussion: Health Equity and Quality Care Subcommittee of the MAC	Full Discussion	<a href="#">2024 MAC and Subcommittee Meeting Notice   HFS (illinois.gov)</a>
Oct 3 6pm-8pm	Virtual	Discussion: MAC Special Meeting	Full Discussion	<a href="#">2024 MAC and Subcommittee Meeting Notice   HFS (illinois.gov)</a>
Nov 1 10am-12pm	Virtual	MAC	Final Wrap Up	<a href="#">2024 MAC and Subcommittee Meeting Notice   HFS (illinois.gov)</a>

# VI. Healthcare & Family Services Executive Report



# VI A. Innovations & Equity



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# **VI.A1 Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Demonstration Update**

# CCBHC Demonstration Announcement

## Award

- HFS was notified on June 4, 2024, that Illinois was selected as one of 10 states to join the CCBHC Medicaid Demonstration program

## Start Date

- Illinois' Demonstration start date is October 1, 2024

## CCBHC Locations

- 19 CCBHC provider locations will be participating in the Demonstration and will begin offering fully integrated mental health, substance use recovery and physical health screening services.



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# CCBHC Demonstration Provider Locations

- Centerstone (Alton)
- Chestnut Health Systems (Bellville, Granite City)
- Heritage Behavioral Health Center (Decatur)
- The Robert Young Center (Moline, Rock Island)
- Rosecrance (Champaign, Rockford)
- Sinnissippi Centers (Dixon)
- Ecker Center for Behavioral Health (Elgin)
- Human Resources Development Institute (Chicago)
- Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (Chicago)
- Thresholds (Chicago, Woodstock)
- Bridgeway (Galesburg)
- The Link & Option Center (South Holland)
- Preferred Family Healthcare dba Clarity Healthcare (Quincy)
- Transitions of Western Illinois (Quincy)
- Trilogy Behavioral Health (Chicago)



# Year 1 Implementation Timeline

## CCBHC Communication Strategy

On-Site Reviews 7/16/2024 – 8/22/2024

One-on-One TA Meetings Started 7/29/2024

Weekly TA Meetings Starting 8/16/2024

Monthly Operations Calls Starting 9/18/2024

Quarterly One-on-One Operations Meetings Starting in October 2024

Billing Webinar 9/12/2024

Learning Collaborative Starting September 2024

## Other Key Timeframes

IMPACT Enrollment Open 8/15/2024 (targeted)

CCBHC Provider Handbook 9/01/2024 (targeted)

**Demonstration Start Date October 1, 2024**



# Questions?





# VI.A2 Active Solicitations

# Active Solicitation Updates

- **Medicaid Preventive Care and Education Organization (MPCEO) RFA:**
  - The goal of the project is to improve Medicaid patient health and well-being through greater healthcare knowledge; increased access to and utilization of preventive care services; and increased engagement with PCPs, other health care providers, and health plans.
  - Solicitations Due: Friday, May 31
  - Awards Expected: September
- **Healthcare Transformation Capital Investment Grant Program:**
  - Joint program with HFS and the Illinois Capital Development Board (CDB) which aims to provide funding to capital projects that will address health-related social needs and reduce disparities in healthcare in historically underserved communities.
  - Solicitations Due: Monday, July 1
  - Awards Expected: October
- **Get Covered Illinois Navigator Grant Program Plan Year 2025:**
  - Joint program with HFS and the Department of Insurance (IDOI) which creates a statewide Illinois Navigator program as Illinois transitions to a state-based marketplace for health insurance.
  - Solicitations Due: Friday, July 5
  - Awards Expected: August



# Questions?







# VI.A3 1115 Waiver Application Status



# Healthcare Transformation 1115 Waiver Approved July 2, 2024!



# Key Takeaways

- Adds coverage for innovative Health Related Social Needs (HRSN) services; expanded HCBS options including Supported Employment and Non- Medical Transportation; first in the nation Firearm Violence Prevention services and Pre-release Services for individuals leaving carceral settings.
- State "expenditure authority" to allow for
- Critical post-approval activities underway, including development of Operational Protocols which require federal approval.
- Stakeholder engagement and sister agency collaboration remain significant pre-implementation components.



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**July 29, 2024:  
Governor J.B.  
Pritzker Press  
Conference  
Regarding the  
HFS 1115 Waiver  
Announcement.**





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# VI B. Program Updates



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# VI.B1 Legislative Update

**Presenter: Dana Kelly, Chief of Staff, Heather Eagleton, Director of Legislative Affairs**

# HFS Legislative Initiatives and Fixes

Initiative	Status	Sponsor
MCO Assessment Sunset Repeal	In the Omnibus (SB3268)	Rep. Moeller Senator Harmon
HFS Fund/Audit Fix	In the Omnibus (SB3268)	Senator Harmon/Rep. Moeller
Minor Family Planning	HB 5239 – Signed into law	Rep. Cassidy/Sen. Villanueva
Birth Equity	HB 5142 – Signed into law	Rep. Gabel Senator Collins
Medical Debt Relief	HB 5290 – Signed into law	Rep. Cassidy Senator Simmons
STRIVE Fix Legislation	In the Omnibus (SB3268)	Rep. Moeller
Healthcare Protection Act (HPA)	HB 5395 – Signed into law	Rep. Moeller Senator Peters





# Notable Rulemaking

- HPA PA Initiatives
- Pharmacy Benefit Manager Transparency
- MCO 72 Hour Initiative
- MCO Gold Card
- Nursing Facilities Property Tax
- STRIVE Staffing
- Pharmacists Testing, Screening and Treatments
- Medical Debt Relief



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# FY25 1915(c) Waiver Amendment Submissions

- Supportive Living Program (SLP) Per Diem Rate
- Children's Community-Based Health Care Centers Rate Increase
- MFTD/NPCS Rate Increase Private Duty Nursing
- SLP Dementia Care Settings
- CILA Per Diem Reimbursement
- SLP Meal Rate Add-On
- MFTD Children Family Caregivers
- CILA Telehealth Administrative Fees
- Homemaker Wage Increase
- Community Provider Workers Wage Increase
- SLP Certified Medication Aide



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# Notable MCO Measures

- Pharmacy Benefit Manager Transparency (6/7/24)
- 72 Hour Initiative (7/1/25)
- Gold Card (7/1/25)
- HPA Implementation (1/1/26)
- Prior Auth Hemophilia (1/1/26)
- INS Adverse Determination (1/1/25)
- Colonoscopy Coverage (1/1/26)
- DHFS-MMCO-Request for Proposal (5/23/24)
- INS CD-Cancer-Genetic Testing (1/1/26)
- INS-Electronic Payment Fees (1/1/26)



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# VI.B2 Maternal Health Update



# New Maternal Health Provider Type Implementation

- Lactation Consultants (Public Act 102-0665)
  - SPA approved – provider notice coming soon with enrollment and billing details
- Doulas (Public Act 102-0004)
  - SPA approved – provider notice coming soon with enrollment and billing details
- Home Visiting (Public Act 102-0004)
  - Submitting SPA to federal CMS soon
- Licensed Certified Professional Midwives (Public Act 102-1037)
  - Submitting SPA to federal CMS soon



# Questions?





# VI.B3 State-Based Marketplace





# State-Based Marketplace Implementation

- Public Act 103-0103 directed DOI, in coordination with HFS, to establish a State-Based Marketplace (SBM).
- SBM on the Federal Platform (SBM-FP) for Plan Year 2025
  - Begins with open enrollment in Fall 2024
  - Navigator Grant Program NOFO
    - Issued 6/3/24; Proposals were due 7/5/24
- Full SBM for Plan Year 2026
  - Begins with open enrollment in Fall 2025
  - SBM IT Platform and Call Center Services RFP
    - Issued 6/3/24; Proposals were due 7/22/24



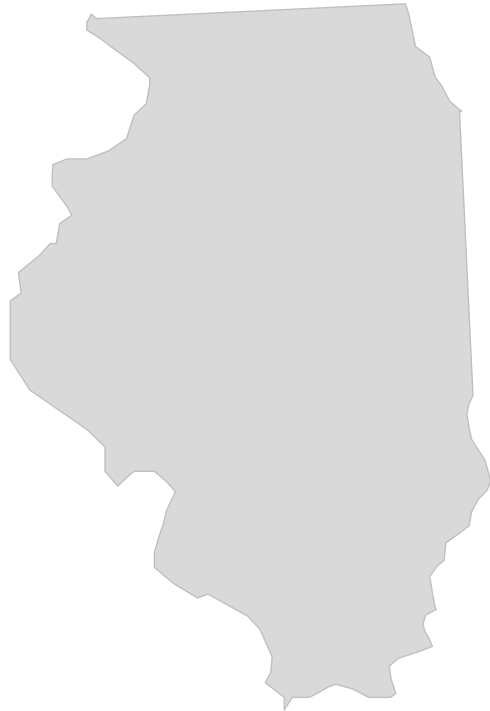
# Questions?





# VI.B4 MCO Update

# Managed Care Enrollment (May 2024)



**HCI** 2,652,693 customers

**30%**  
Meridian Health<sup>1</sup>

**28%**  
Blue Cross Community Health Plans

**16%**  
CountyCare Health Plan

**14%**  
Aetna Better Health of Illinois

**12%**  
Molina Healthcare

**MMAI** 81,615 customers

**26%**  
Blue Cross Community Health Plans

**19%**  
Molina Healthcare

**19%**  
Aetna Better Health of Illinois

**18%**  
Meridian Health

**18%**  
Humana Health Plan

<sup>1</sup>Includes 36,384 individuals enrolled in YouthCare.  
Source: MCO Enrollment Report (HFS, May 2024)



# Questions?





# VI.B5 Status of Rede Activity

# Status of the Unwinding

Redetermination Status by Individual

StatusType	23-Jun	23-Jul	23-Aug	23-Sep	23-Oct	23-Nov	23-Dec	24-Jan	24-Feb	24-Mar	24-Apr	24-May	Grand Total
Completed - Retained	168,097	279,014	273,264	229,117	236,942	213,388	221,692	159,171	267,583	257,105	208,911	223,802	<b>2,738,086</b>
Pending	153	156	1,120	1,375	1,408	1,502	1,876	1,964	5,759	6,644	10,877	24,446	<b>57,280</b>
Pending - Not Received												9,785	<b>9,785</b>
Closed - Procedural	18,859	44,218	36,609	34,322	35,485	40,356	39,363	29,746	66,236	53,228	53,384	47,537	<b>499,343</b>
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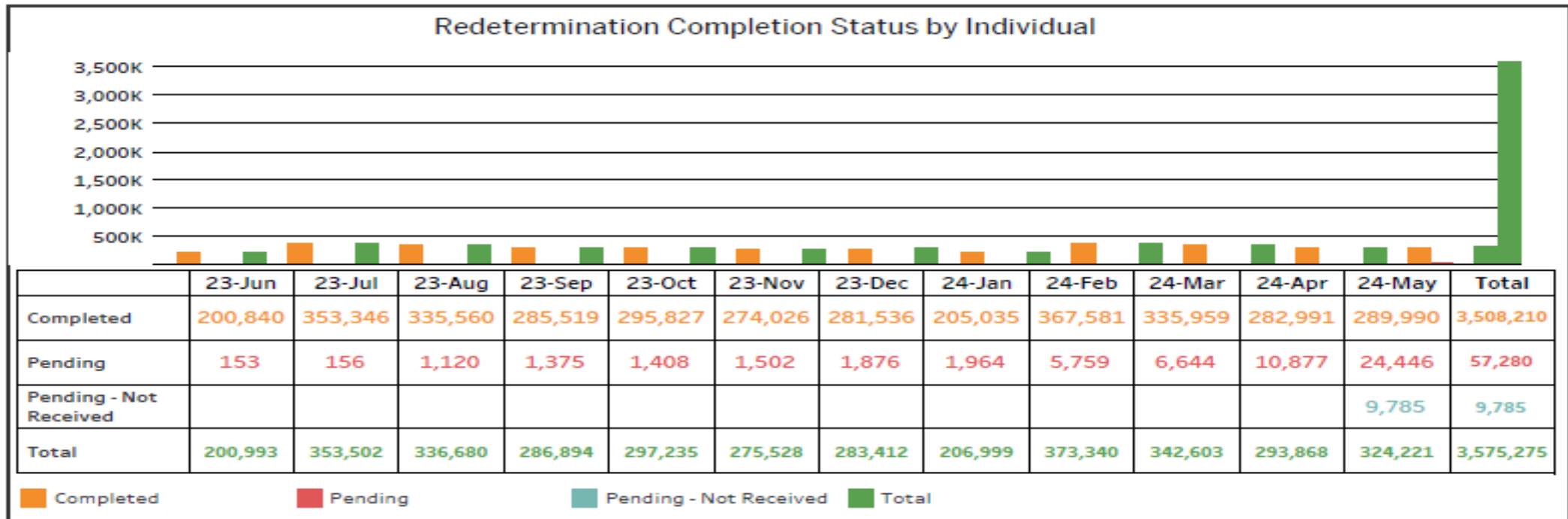
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Closed - Ineligible	Over income, refused to provide information, deceased, left the home, moved out of the state, customer request to withdraw/close case



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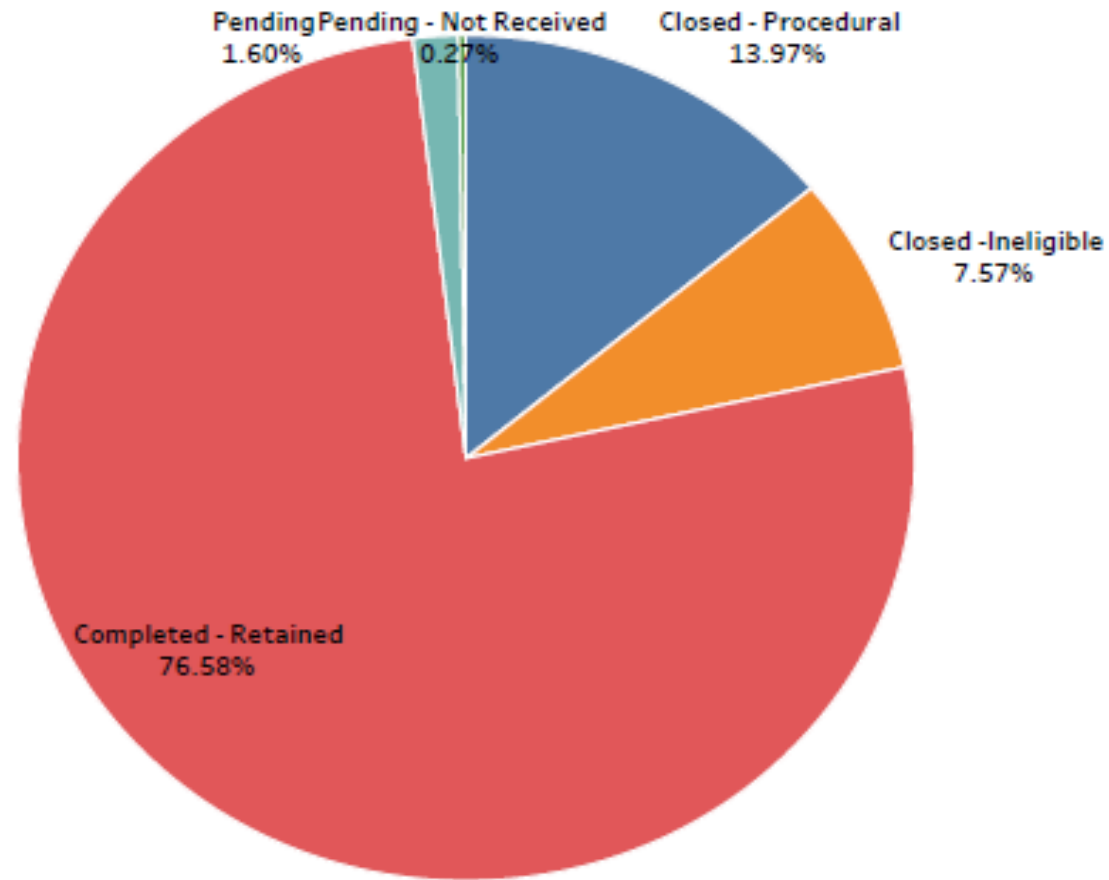
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# Overview of the work to be done





### % of Redetermination Status by Individual - YTD





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# Accomplishments

- Retained 76% of individuals renewed during the unwinding
- Ex-Parte renewal rate is now ~70%
  - This is due to several strategies employed during the unwinding, including:
    - Allowing \$0 income households to be considered for ex-parte (currently approved through 06/2025)
    - Addition of the Asset Verification System to the ex-parte decision – which means more AABD customers are eligible for ex-parte.
    - And the change required by CMS to determine ex-parte by individual rather than by case.



# Questions?





# VI.B6 HBIS/HBIA Update

# HBIA/S Rede Extension

- In June, HFS extended the regular redetermination period for HBIA/S participants by one month.
- Seeing progress, HFS decided to extend an additional month through August 15.
- During this period HFS worked to support redetermination in the following ways:
  - Worked with MCOs to make calls to their enrollees who have not responded.
  - Made over 9080 cold calls reaching over 3700 individuals, resulting in nearly 800 completed redeterminations.
  - Ran an HBIA/S specific advertising/media campaign to encourage redetermination response.
  - Sent text reminders to customers using their preferred language.
  - Developed a redetermination messaging toolkit for the HBIA/HBIS programs, which is available on the HFS website in a dozen different languages.
  - Cook County Health/County Care has been hosting Redetermination events that HFS along with DHS have been helping to staff to ensure accurate and timely processing of customer Redeterminations.
- The regular HBIA/S redetermination period is now set to end August 15.
- After that time, those who have not responded will lose coverage effective September 1.
- Those individuals who do surpass the August 15 deadline, will be eligible for reinstatement for an additional 90 days beyond September 1.
- We will be working to ensure HBIA/S customers are aware of and act on this opportunity.




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# **VI.B7 Other Administrative Comments or Updates**



# ILLINOIS PROVIDER ENROLLMENT

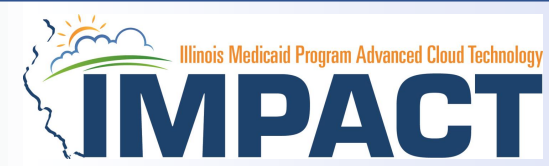


## *Provider Enrollment Revalidation Briefing*



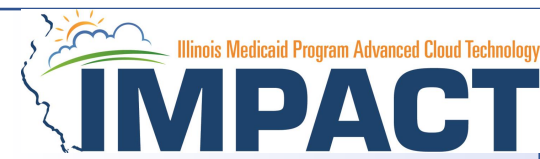
- The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires State Medicaid agencies to revalidate the enrollment of all providers at least every five years, in compliance with 42 CFR 455.414 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).
- Illinois last conducted revalidation as part of the July 2015 implementation of the Illinois Medicaid Program Advance Cloud Technology (IMPACT) Provider Enrollment (PE) system.
- Providers enrolled in IMPACT were due for revalidation starting in 2020.
- The revalidation requirement was waived during the Public Health Emergency (PHE).
- Post the PHE, CMS issued a grace period for revalidations due in 2020 to the end of 2024.
- Federal CMS is aware of Illinois' timeline to revalidate providers.

- Revalidation notifications are sent 90 days before the provider's due date. For example, the first group of notifications is targeted to start on September 3, 2024; these will be due in November 2024.
  - ✓ The revalidation cycle:
    - ✓ Will occur for a new group of providers each month
    - ✓ Is based upon the provider enrollment date.
    - ✓ A provider's revalidation date can be found on the basic information page of their enrollment
- Two communications notices will be sent to providers in the revalidation cycle:
  - ✓ The beginning of their revalidation cycle start date;
  - ✓ 30 days before the revalidation deadline.
- Any revalidation submission that is rejected will have an additional 30 days to resubmit missing/incorrect information.
- Providers who fail to submit a revalidation by the deadline will be disenrolled (terminated).
- Services provided after a provider termination occurs are ineligible for payment and claims will be denied, in accordance with federal regulation.
- Providers terminated for failure to revalidate can reactivate with a gap in eligibility (claims will not be paid) by contacting the IMPACT helpline and submitting the revalidation.



- Website: [IMPACT Information \(HFS Website\)](#)
- Help Line: 877-782-5565
- Email: [Impact.Help@illinois.gov](mailto:Impact.Help@illinois.gov)
- Provider Notices
- Tool Kit: turnkey materials that can be tailored or personalized by stakeholders and sent to their membership
- Targeted Stakeholder Outreach
- Social Media
- Webinars:
  - Live Dates TBD – One in August, September, and October
    - Recorded Webinars on Website
- Dedicated Email In-Box and Support Phone Number for Provider Assistance

# What can providers do to prepare?



Providers can take some initial steps to ensure they are ready when notified of their revalidation cycle.

1. Log in to IMPACT immediately to ensure they have access:
  - ✓ For added security, the IMPACT system migrated to an enhanced multi-factor authentication process, called OKTA, in March of 2022 ([Provider Notice Issued 03/14/2022 \(illinois.gov\)](#)).
  - ✓ Verifying system access in OKTA will expedite the revalidation process.
  - ✓ The procedures are outlined in the IL login migration instructions and can be viewed under IMPACT Sign On at: [Presentations and Materials | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#).
  - ✓ [IMPACT Information \(HFS Website\)](#).
  - ✓ [IMPACT site](#).
2. Confirm all contact information in IMPACT is correct:
  - ✓ Notifications will be sent to the email address(es) listed on the Basic Information step of the IMPACT enrollment; no notifications will be mailed.
  - ✓ Verifying the correct email contact information is entered will ensure important provider communications are not missed.
  - ✓ For providers with multiple locations, each servicing location **must** revalidate, and a separate notification will be sent for each.
3. Ensure you are using a browser that is supported by IMPACT. These web browsers are:
  - ✓ Edge
  - ✓ Chrome.
  - ✓ Firefox.



# Questions?



# VII. Subcommittee Reports & Recommendations





# **VII.A. Community Integration Subcommittee Status Update From HFS**





# VII.B. Health Equity and Quality Care Subcommittee

# Health Equity and Quality Care Update

## A. The Health Equity and Quality Care Subcommittee Meeting was held July 31, 2024

1. The 2024-2027 Quality Strategy was reviewed with the subcommittee and distributed for comment. Comments expected back to HFS on or before **August 21, 2024**.
2. LTSS Workgroup - Please contact [HFS.BQM@illinois.gov](mailto:HFS.BQM@illinois.gov)  
cc. [Melishia.Bansa@illinois.gov](mailto:Melishia.Bansa@illinois.gov) if interested.

## B. Health Equity and Quality Care Subcommittee 2024 Meeting Schedule (Dates subject to change)

- **September 24, 2024**
- **December 17, 2024**



# VII.C. NB Stakeholder Subcommittee Update

# NB Stakeholder Subcommittee Update

- A. As of June 30, 2024, 4,183 youth have been referred to Pathways to Success and a total of 1,907 have engaged in services
- B. HFS soliciting recommendations from NB Subcommittee regarding improving engagement percentage and working with PATH to assist CCSOs in implementing enhanced engagement strategies
- C. PATH continues to provide training on all Pathways to Success services for CCSOs and providers interested in providing Pathways Home and Community Based Services
- D. HFS has awarded nearly \$40 million in ARPA grants for implementation of intensive mental health services, including Pathways to Success Services
- E. The Subcommittee membership is currently being renewed to include additional members
- F. Once new membership has been established, the Subcommittee will be providing recommendations on the NB Quality and Outcome Plan and implementation of Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities as well as other aspects of Pathways to Success

implementation.



# VII.D. Public Education Subcommittee

## C. Public Education Subcommittee

1. Next Meeting is Aug 21, 2024

# VII. Public Comments



1. Flavia Lamberghini DDS, MS, MPH  
Pediatric Dentist (MAC Member)



# IX. Additional Business: Old & New





# IX.A. Items for Future Discussion



# **IX.B. HFS Announcements**

# MAC & Subcommittee Resources

1. To receive MAC email notifications regarding public meeting notices, sign up for our MAC and Subcommittee Listserv:
  - a. [Medicaid Advisory Committee \(MAC\) | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#)
  - b. [MAC and Subcommittees E-mail Notification Request | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#)

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services

Webinar Town Hall

## HFS 1115 Healthcare Transformation Waiver Update

**Date:** Monday, August 26

**Time:** 2:00-3:00 pm CT

[Register Here](#)

On July 2, 2024, Federal CMS approved an 1115 waiver request from the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) to provide new services addressing Health Related Social Needs. This will allow the state to leverage Medicaid resources to address root causes of health disparities.

The approval includes support for housing supports (including medical respite/recuperative care services, as well as transitions from carceral and institutional settings) and nutrition services. The approval also includes coverage of services up to 90 days prior to release from carceral settings, as well as services to address substance use disorder (SUD), employment supports for people with disabilities, and violence prevention and intervention.

Join this town hall webinar with HFS Director Elizabeth M. Whitehorn and other HFS staff to learn about:

- Approval parameters
- Implementation planning efforts and timeline
- Initial results of stakeholder engagement
- Next steps and opportunities to provide feedback

Register at: <https://illinois.webex.com/weblink/register/r7a843dc34fc172c3cffc3445aeb037a2>

# MAC & Subcommittee Resources

## 1. Other HFS Oppurtunites: New Positions Posted

- [SENIOR PUBLIC SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR Job Details | State of Illinois \(jobs2web.com\)](#)

- This is the Administrator position for the Division of Eligibility

- [Senior Advisor for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Job Details | State of Illinois \(jobs2web.com\)](#)

- A new position to lead DEIA.

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**B. The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) utilizes a range of social media accounts to better reach our customers and stakeholders. We encourage you to follow us on:**

1. Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ILDHFS>
2. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ILDHFS>
3. LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/ildhfs/>

for important news, announcements and alerts. And please spread the word to your own followers.

Together, let's keep those we serve well informed, educated and empowered!

# X. Adjournment

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