



401 South Clinton, 7th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60607

Public Meeting Notice

Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC): Autism Workgroup Meeting

Thursday, September 25, 2025 | 3:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.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/r1b80e05a26722ded132f60c6878023d1>

- 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:** 2869 182 6873 **Password:** AUT925

Agenda

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Summary of Agenda**
- III. **General Meeting Operations and Communications**
- IV. **Roll Call of Workgroup Members**
- V. **Introduction of HFS Staff**
- VI. **Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes**
- VII. **HFS Leadership Comments**
- VIII. **One Big Beautiful Bill Act Summary and Impact on I/DD Population: Emma Watters-Reardon, Policy Director HFS**
- IX. **Behavioral Health Services Available to Children and Adults with Disabilities: Kristine Herman, Bureau of Behavioral Health, HFS**

- X. **Managed Care’s Touch Points with Children and Adults with Disabilities: Cara Milianti, Executive Director, Behavioral Health Clinical Operations, BCBS IL**
- XI. **Discussion and Reaction to Presented Content**
- XII. **Work Group Next Steps**
 - I. **Development of Survey**
- XII. **Public Comments**
- XIII. **Additional Business: Old & New**
 - a. **Items for future discussion**
 - b. **HFS announcements**
- XIV. **Adjournment**

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- HFS is committed to ensuring that this Task Force 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 Disability Support for MAC Autism Workgroup Meeting: Thursday, September 25, 2025.**

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, and need assistance, please email Melishia Bansa at HFS.Boards.and.Commissions@Illinois.gov **before 9:00 a.m. on**

Thursday, September 25, 2025. Please use the following subject line in your email: **Request for Attendee Support for MAC Autism Workgroup Meeting: Thursday, September 25, 2025.** 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 Tuesday, September 23, 2025.**
- Please title your email correspondence with the following statement in the subject line: **Request to Provide Public Comment during MAC Autism Workgroup Meeting: Thursday, September 25, 2025.**
- 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 Melishia Bansa.

- Registrants will be provided with details of how to join the meeting to provide comments by no later than **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 25, 2025.**

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 the 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 HFS.Boards.and.Commissions@Illinois.gov **by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 2025.**
- Please title your email correspondence with the following statement in the subject line: **Request to Provide MAC Autism Workgroup Written Comment on Thursday, September 25, 2025.**

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: [Boards and Commissions | HFS \(illinois.gov\)](#)