



Medical Assistance Program (MAP) Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 22, 2025
4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Via Teleconference Only

I. Call to Order – Call roll for advisory council members, introduce staff (00:00:12)

Council Members Present:

Missy Poortenga, Department of Labor and Industry, presiding officer
James Corson, Board of Dentistry
Dr. Katie Rein, Board of Veterinary Medicine
Dr. Julie Murack, Board of Chiropractors
Dr. James Guyer, Board of Medical Examiners
Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association
Heather O'Hara, Montana Hospital Association
Marcie Bough, Board of Pharmacy (designee of Jeff Nikolaissen, presiding officer, Board of Pharmacy)

Staff Present:

Amy Pfarr, Department of Labor and Industry
Sarah Swanson, Department of Labor and Industry, Commissioner
Jennifer Stallkamp, Department of Labor and Industry, Legal Counsel
Kevin Bragg, Department of Labor and Industry, Bureau Chief
Claudia Rapkoch, Department of Labor and Industry

II. Advisory Council Considerations

- a. Transition Plan update (00:01:46)
- b. MAP Advisory Council continued goal discussion: "Examine the effectiveness of the medical recovery program, including but not limited to, overall trends in enrollment, completion rates, non-completion rates, program design, eligibility criteria, application requirements, wait times for admissions, program duration, conditions of participation, penalties for noncompliance, privacy and confidentiality protections and return-to-work restrictions". (00:27:10)
 - i. Appeal process for board-ordered participation (00:42:34)
 - ii. Voluntary participation requirements
- c. [NOAP Conference](#) – March 17-20, 2026 in Houston, TX
 - i. Identify up to 2 MAP Advisory Council members to attend by 12/31/2025 (00:57:15)

III. Next meeting (00:58:20)

- a. Monday, January 5, 2026 at 4 p.m.



IV. **Public Comment (00:58:31)**

The advisory council now offers the public in attendance an opportunity to comment on any public matter under the jurisdiction of the council that is not on the current agenda. The council cannot act but will listen to comments and may ask staff to place the issue on a future agenda. The Presiding Officer may limit the comment period to proceed with the council meeting.

Public commenters should state their first and last name when offering comments.

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