September 17, 2025, Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) Meeting Minutes

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Date: September 17, 2025 Time: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Place: Zoom conference meeting	Meeting Attendees **Bolded**		
	Committee	*State & Gainwell*	*Additional Attendees*
	Saby Karuppiah, MD	Victor Nguyen, PharmD KDHE	**Dr. Donna Sweet**
	Amanda Applegate, PharmD	**Anh Rongish, PharmD KDHE**	**April Dales**
	Charles Davis, MD	**Laura Leistra, KDHE**	**Reyne Kenton**
	Melissa Patrick, BAC	**Alli Denning, KDHE**	**Riley Richardson**
	Leni Swails, PhD	Kourtney Bettinger, MD, KDHE	**Shakaya Hutchins**
	Laura Kozisek, BAC	**Shalae Harris, BSN, RN, KDHE**	**Delia Gray**
	Anne Stanton, APRN	Michael Skoch, MD, KDHE	**Kevin Huang**
	Derreck Totton, MD	**Emily Larrison, RN, Gainwell**	
	Caitlyn Linscheid, MD	**Ian Kuenzi, KDADS**	
	Julie Stewart, MD	**Katy Wright, KDHE**	
	William Warnes, MD	**Seth Kilber, KDADS**	
	Mohamed Radhi, MD	Tracy Wagner, RN, BSN Gainwell	
	Alissa Stinnett, DNP		
Distribution List: MAC Committee, KDHE-DHCF and Gainwell Technologies			

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Call to Order	Call to order 10:33am 09/17/2025	Dr. Leni Swails
Review of Minutes & Introductions	Roll Call/Introductions:	Shalae Harris, KDHE
Open Agenda Items:	Minutes from June 18, 2025, meeting	Motion to approve previous meeting minutes. Approved.
Prior Authorization	Follow up from previous meeting:	Anh Rongish, PharmD KDHE

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	• There are times when primary insurance approves a PA, but secondary insurance (Medicaid) denies the PA delaying the approval process. Anh Rongish, KDHE verified if Medicaid is secondary payor, and the primary approved the PA, Medicaid should approve the PA. • Example given at previous meeting that Name Brand medical necessity medication requiring yearly renewal. Anh confirmed that KS Medicaid Brand Medical Necessity PA has a lifetime approval once it is initially approved. If Medicaid is the secondary payor, the primary payor may have a yearly PA renewal requirement. • Concern that 72-hour emergency supply is not enough. KDHE pharmacy team request specific examples where the 72-hour emergency supply was not enough. Once received, they will be able to research further.	
Pharmacist as Provider	Overview of Pharmacist as Provider General Bulletin 23196: Pharmacists and pharmacies are allowed to enroll with KMAP as a provider/group to receive reimbursement for covered services.	Amanda Applegate, PharmD
Legislative Update	Legislative Update: • HB2240 passed during the most recent legislative session and is currently being reviewed internally by KDHE. • Federal HR1, OBBBA passed at federal level. KDHE's Christine Osterlund will present an overview of the bill for the Bethell Committee on October 13 and 14. This meeting can be viewed	Alli Denning, KDHE Robert G. Bethell Joint Committee on Home & Community Based Services & KanCare Oversight Oct. 13-14, 2025

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	live via the website and a link to its recording will also be available. Christine presented an overview of the bill at the July meeting as well, and a recording is available on the website. Dr. Linscheid would like a written summary of anticipated changes and how they are expected to impact Kansas. • 1115 waiver: KDHE was notified by Federal legislation that the Continuous Eligibility for Caretaker Adults will end. Implementation date TBD.	https://www.youtube.com/KSLegislatureLIVE Alli, KDHE to provide a written summary that will be forthcoming.
Out of State Providers	Update for Out of State Provider: • Dr. Stewart asked at previous meeting if OOS providers who prescribed narcotics to Kansas residents are tracked via K-TRACS. Amanda Applegate, PharmD confirmed that each dispensing pharmacy must file a report with the Board of Pharmacy for each reportable drug sold in Kansas or to a Kansas address. Anh Rongish PharmD explained K-TRACS is the Kansas version of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Dr. Stewart concerned prescriptions being filled across the state line in Missouri wouldn't be reported to Kansas. Amanda confirmed Missouri would report to their states' PDMP, and currently a provider	Amanda Applegate, PharmD Laura Leistra, KDHE Katy Wright, KDHE

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	must have a Missouri license to access this database. • Laura Kozisek recalls the original issue that was brought up at a previous meeting was about Kansas Medicaid members' ability to access care outside of KS. Her understanding is OOS providers must enroll with KMAP. This makes it difficult when multiple specialists are needed. Laura Leistra explained this isn't always necessary. Each MCO has ability to make a single case agreement with an OOS provider. Dr. Karuppiah clarified this is typically made with the facility vs. a single provider. Laura K. is concerned that SCA's are only being done with inpatient care, not outpatient procedures. Example is when a member sees an OOS specialist for routine visits and testing, they may see three physicians in one day and get an EEG or MRI as well. These outpatient services would be the patient's responsibility. Laura Leistra stated the member can call the MCO prior to procedure to request a prior authorization. Laura K. thinks this would require the provider to be enrolled in KMAP and they are not willing to do so.	Medicaid recipients with concerns with MCOs are encouraged to reach out to Laura Leistra and her team at kdhe.mcoinquiries@ks.gov as well as to their MCO Care Coordinator.

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	Laura L. explained that if the MCO is aware prior to the procedure, a prior authorization can be obtained. Then a SCA between the MCO and provider can be implemented. The provider would not need to be enrolled in KMAP for this.	
Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment (OMT)	Shalae Harris, KDHE: HB2240 states no expansion of services for Kansas Medicaid unless approved by the Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC). KDHE will be researching osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT) with many other policies for the future. The timeline for new policies is still yet to be determined.	
New Agenda Items: **Agenda items from Beneficiary Advisory Committee**	• Can age restrictions and level of care requirements for HCBS waivers be reviewed or updated? Seth Kilber explained that yes this is possible but would need research from the KDADS team and then require budget approval from the Governor. Once that is done, it would need approval from the Legislature. Would also require CMS approval. • Can Kansas Medicaid look at self directed support care like Missouri's Medicaid program? Seth K. explained self directed care allows the person receiving services to direct their own services, and choose who they hire/fire. Payment of the employee is generally managed through a third party. Kansas currently allows	Seth Kilber, KDADS will provide a summary to explain. (*See summary below document.) Seth requested BAC to provide specific examples to research further.

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	self directed care for most of its waiver programs. Emily L. explained the question came from a parent of a waiver recipient and wanted to control what his nurses were being paid. He was concerned that the agency who pays the nurses don't pay them enough. This creates potential for turnover and disruption in care. Seth K. clarified that currently Kansas does not allow budget authority. This would allow the recipient to have more authority over the rate for the person they are hiring. Kansas is going to introduce budget authority with the new Community Supports waiver scheduled to be implemented in 2026. This could lead to other waivers having budget authority in the future. Laura L. encouraged anyone to reach out to her team via kdhe.mcoinquiries@ks.gov if having any difficulties with any waiver program. Also, the Kansas Work Program allows budget authority as well.	
Future Agenda Topics: MAC members to confirm access to KDHE MAC Teams Channel	Dr. Swails reminded committee members of accessing the Teams Channel for committee information. Dr. Linscheid would like an update on utilization of the new Medicaid Doula Program.	Committee members email Shalae Harris if having Teams Channel access issues. Shalae, KDHE will provide an update at next meeting.

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	Dr. Swails would like an update on HB2240 at next meeting.	Alli Denning, KDHE will provide updates as available.
Public Comments	No public comments.	
Next Meeting	Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 10:30 AM via Zoom.	New link will be sent to attendees for December Meeting.
Adjourn	Adjourn 11:44am 09/17/2025	Motion to adjourn. Agreed

*Seth Kilber, KDADS summary:
KDADS reviews waiver age limits and level of care (LOC) requirements as part of each waiver renewal or amendment process, using data on service utilization, costs, and population needs. Any proposed changes must align with federal CMS approval and go through public comment. Adjustments to LOC criteria often has fiscal impacts. Broadening eligibility increases participation and costs, while tightening criteria can reduce costs but limit access to services