

# DELAWARE'S CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL COMPLEXITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 13, 2026

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

## Meeting Notes

<b>Welcome and Roll Call</b>	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DMMA opened the meeting with remarks from Mercer, DMMA's contractor/meeting facilitator. Participants were asked to identify themselves and any organization affiliations in the chat.</li> </ul> <p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DMMA's Chief Medical Officer Dr. Krishna Upadhyia acknowledged the absence of CMCAC Lead Dr. Alethea Miller and Director Drew Wilson.</li> <li>Shared appreciation for stakeholder flexibility and participation.</li> </ul>
<b>DMMA Updates</b>	<p>DMMA's Deputy Director Janneen Boyce provided updates on DMMA leadership changes and areas of focus.</p> <p><b>DMMA Leadership Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New DMMA Secretary: <b>Christen Link Young</b></li> <li>New DSS Director: <b>Stephanie Staats</b> (dual incumbency with outgoing director Tom Hall)</li> <li>New DHSS Chief of Administration, <b>Warren Wood</b></li> </ul> <p><b>DMMA Program and Budget Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DMMA successfully executed <b>new contracts with all Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)</b>.</li> <li>No Medicaid service cuts were required despite budget pressures seen in other states.</li> <li>Maintaining services and coverage continuity remains a top priority for 2026.</li> </ul> <p><b>One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBA) Implementation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OBBA/HR1 introduces <b>community engagement (work requirements)</b> and <b>6-month renewal cycles</b> for certain Medicaid recipients.</li> <li>These requirements primarily affect <b>adult Medicaid expansion populations</b>.</li> <li>Exemptions include:</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Individuals with disabilities</li> <li>○ Parents of children under a certain age</li> <li>○ Older adults</li> <li>○ Individuals meeting work, education, SNAP, or TANF requirements.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delaware is working with federal partners, vendors, and consultants to implement changes.</li> <li>• <b>Compliance deadline:</b> December 31, 2026</li> <li>• CMS guidance is expected mid-2026.</li> <li>• A public media and outreach campaign is planned; stakeholder feedback may be requested.</li> </ul>
<p><b>CMC Initiatives &amp; Workgroup Updates</b></p>	<p>DHSS' Sr. Administrator Terri Stoneburner provided updates related to Delaware's BAC and MAC.</p> <p><b>Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprised of Medicaid beneficiaries or caretakers.</li> <li>• Focuses on lived experience and policy impact.</li> <li>• Meetings are <b>closed to the public</b> to protect personal sharing.</li> <li>• Monthly meeting cadence established.</li> <li>• Chair-elected participants; bylaws approved.</li> <li>• Recruitment remains open to balance representation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serves as a formal stakeholder advisory body.</li> <li>• Meetings are <b>open to the public</b>.</li> <li>• Quarterly meeting cadence.</li> <li>• Next meeting scheduled for <b>January 28 at 9:00 AM</b>.</li> <li>• Recruitment is currently closed, expected to reopen later in 2026.</li> </ul> <p><b>Clarifications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAC and BAC provide <b>recommendations only</b>; they do not make final policy decisions.</li> <li>• They do not resolve individual cases or act as grievance bodies.</li> </ul> <p><b>MAC/BAC Membership Discussion and Stakeholder Feedback</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions addressed regarding eligibility, recruitment, and participation.</li> <li>• Emphasis placed on increasing representation from:</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rural and underserved communities</li> <li>○ Transition-age youth (18–26)</li> <li>○ Behavioral health and substance use populations.</li> <li>○ Individuals solely reliant on Medicaid</li> </ul> <p>DMMA offered outreach support, presentations, and application assistance.</p> <p><b>Workgroup Updates</b></p> <p>DMMA’s EPSDT Program Manager Melecia Da Silva provided a review of the CMCAC 2025 Year End Report.</p>
<b>Additional Policy Topics</b>	<p>Dr. Upadhyia provided updates on additional areas of focus for DMMA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing monitoring of federal changes, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Childhood vaccinations</li> <li>○ Proposed rules related to children with gender dysphoria (open for public comment through February)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• DMMA participation in a national learning collaborative focused on children with chronic and complex medical needs.</li> <li>• Continued attention to self-directed attendant care and pediatric home health services.</li> </ul>
<b>Next Steps</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DMMA to continue OBBA implementation planning and stakeholder communication.</li> <li>• Potential future presentation with visual materials on federal changes.</li> <li>• Stakeholders encouraged to share feedback and refer potential BAC applicants.</li> </ul>
<b>Next CMCAC Meeting</b>	<p>The next CMCAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 9:00 am ET.</p> <p>Please note that all materials, including agenda and slide deck, are distributed to CMCAC participants in advance of every meeting.</p>