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Department of Health Care
Policy & Financing

Medical Services Board

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD

1010 Evergreen Heights Dr, Woodland Park, CO 80863

October 10, 2025

Call to Order

Ms. Carroll called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Roll Call

The Board Coordinator called the roll. There were sufficient members for a quorum with 8 members participating.

A. Members Present

Laura Carroll, JK Costello, Amanda Jichlinski, William Kinnard, Cassana Littler, Barry Martin, Christina Mulkey and David Pump.

B. Members Excused

James McLaughlin and Morgan Honea

C. Staff Present

Adela Flores-Brennan, Medicaid Director, Rachel Entrican, Legal Director, Jennifer Weaver, Attorney General; and Chris Sykes, Board Administrator

Announcements

Ms. Carroll announced the next Medical Services Board Meeting will be held at 303 E 17th Ave, Suite 1100, Denver, CO 80203 on Friday, November 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. It is the policy of this Board and the Department to remind everyone in attendance that this facility is private property. Please do not block the doors or stand around the edges of the room. Please silence cell phones while in the meeting room.

Department Announcements – Rachel Entrican, Legal Director

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Pump moved for the approval of the September minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mulkey. The minutes were approved, 7:0.

Rules

A. Emergency Adoption

Document 09, MSB 25-09-04-A, Creation of the Medical Assistance Act Rule Concerning Pediatric Behavioral Therapy, Section 8.281 was pulled from the agenda.

Amanda Jichlinski joined – 9:26

Document 08, MSB 25-08-26-A, Revision to the Medical Assistance Act Rule concerning Definitive Drug Testing, Section 8.660

Sarah Kaslow, Health Policy Office, presented the rule and explained costs are rising in the program. Provided examples of Presumptive tests v Definitive tests and reviewed increasing costs.

Board Discussion – Board discussion included why this is an emergency now if it has risen over last 10 years, the budget crisis creates the emergency action needed. The Board appreciates cost savings, discussion and staff coming back to the Board at the time of resolution. The rule should go farther and reduce definitive drug tests to 12 annually. Primary Care can be hamstrung if ratcheted down too tight though.

Public Testimony – NA

Dr. Kinnard moved for the emergency adoption of Document 08. Dr. Mulkey seconded the motion.

The Board voted on the emergency adoption of Document 08, 8:0.

Document 10, MSB 25-07-24-A, Creation Medical Assistance Act Rule concerning the Provider Stabilization Fund Program, Section 8.970

Tracy Gonzales, Special Financing Division, presented the rule and explained SB 25-290 created the Provider Stabilization fund. Eligible Safety Net providers to receive stabilization funds. Reviewed eligible patients.

Board Discussion – Board discussion included a review of the definition of primary care in the rule – consultation with Board and primary care fund. Perhaps aligning across rules for definition. The definition is aligned with the State definition. Essential providers are captured in HealthCare Provider.

Public Testimony – NA

Dr. Martin moved for the emergency adoption of Document 10. Dr. Littler seconded the motion.

The Board voted on the emergency adoption of Document 10, 8:0.

B. Final Adoption by Consent

Document 01, MSB 25-06-04-A, Revision to the Medical Assistance Act Rule concerning SB25-084 Medicaid Access to Parenteral Nutrition Implementation, Sections 8.800.A and 8.800.13; Document 02, MSB 25-04-22-A, Revision to the Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), Section 8.497 and Document 03, MSB 25-04-02-B, Repeal of In-Home Support Services and Transition Services, Sections 8.552 & 8.553

Dr. Mulkey moved for the final adoption of Documents 01, 02 and 03. Dr. Costello seconded the motion.

The Board voted on the final adoption of Documents 01, 02 and 03, 8:0.

C. Final Adoption

Document 04, MSB 25-07-08-A, Revision to the Hospital Discounted Care Rule Concerning Presumptive Eligibility per SB 24-116

Taryn Graf, Special Financing Division, presented the rule and provided a background of Hospital Discounted Care. Reviewed changes from last month from consultation with stakeholders.

Board Discussion – NA

Public Discussion – NA

Dr. Littler moved for the final adoption of Document 04. Dr. Costello seconded the motion.

The Board voted the final adoption of Document 04, 8:0.

Document 05, MSB 25-05-30-A, Revision to the Medical Assistance Act Rule Concerning Updates to the Continuous Eligibility Medical Assistance Programs for Children under the age of 19 for Sections 8.100.3.Q.2.d

Melissa Escamilla, Eligibility Policy, presented the rule and explained the rule amends continuous eligibility to 12 months. Reviewed exceptions to the program. Updates to be in compliance with Federal guidance.

Board Discussion – Board discussion included a conversation about spending more trying to collect premiums versus what we is collected, collect more than trying on monthly premiums. Individuals not paying premiums are not sent to collections.

Public Discussion – NA

Dr. Mulkey moved for the final adoption of Document 05. Dr. Martin seconded the motion.

The Board voted the final adoption of Document 05, 8:0.

Document 06, MSB 25-07-01-C, Revision to the Medical Assistance Act Rule Concerning Presumptive Eligibility by Qualified Hospitals, Sections 8.100.1, 8.100.3.R & 8.100.4.F

Daisy Martinez, Eligibility Policy, presented the rule and explained a review of the federal rules behind the Medicaid program for presumptive eligibility. Reviewed current state of presumptive eligibility and reviewed proposed changes to align with federal guidance.

Board Discussion – Board discussion included how 33% of members on presumptive eligibility. Require a 95% accuracy rate. Hospitals can see that presumptive eligibility was granted in last 12 months in the system.

Public Discussion – NA

Dr. Littler moved for the final adoption of Document 06. Dr. Mulkey seconded the motion.

The Board voted the final adoption of Document 06, 8:0.

Document 07, CHP 25-07-01-D, Revision to the Medical Assistance Act Rule Concerning Presumptive Eligibility by Qualified Hospitals, Sections 50 & 170

Daisy Martinez, Eligibility Policy, presented the rule. Document 07 & 08 presentations combined.

Board Discussion – NA

Public Testimony – NA

Dr. Martin moved for the initial approval of Document 07. Mr. Pump seconded the motion.

The Board voted the initial approval of Document 07, 8:0.

D. Closing Motion

Mr. Carroll moved to close the rules portion of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Costello.

Open Comments

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Medical Services Board is at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 14, 2025 at 303 E. 17th Ave, Suite 1100, Denver, CO 80203.

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