



Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) Long Term Care Subcommittee Meeting

*Long Term Care Administration
DC Department of Health Care Finance
Wednesday, May 27, 2026*



Agenda



- Welcome
- Finalized MAC Subcommittee Mission Statement
- EPD Waiver Handbook Discussion
- Meeting Logistics
- Adjourn



Housekeeping

Meeting Logistics: As this is a virtual meeting, please remain muted when not speaking to minimize background noise.

Participation: We encourage active participation! Please use the “raise hand” feature or indicate in the chat if you’d like to speak. Wait to be recognized before unmuting.

Teams Chat Function: The chat can be used for comments, questions, or technical issues.

Agenda & Materials: The agenda and any supporting materials will be distributed by COB today.



MAC LTC Subcommittee

- ❖ Katrice Jefferson- Pope- LTCA Liaison
- ❖ Brittany Branand- LTCA Liaison
- ❖ Rajan Thomas- Co Chair of the MCAC LTSS Subcommittee
- ❖ Lisa Harfoot- Co Chair of the MCAC LTSS Subcommittee



Purpose



- **The DC Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)**- a forum for key participants and stakeholders in the Medicaid program, including consumers, advocates, providers and DC officials to review the program's operations and offer advice for improvements directly to the Department of Health Care Finance.
- **The MAC Long-Term Care (LTC) Subcommittee**- a working group under the District's Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC). Its purpose is to gather stakeholder input and provide guidance to the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) on policies, operations, and program improvements related to long term care and aging services within DC Medicaid. The subcommittee includes providers, advocates, community partners, and beneficiaries who help shape and strengthen the delivery, quality, and accessibility of services for older adults and individuals who require long-term supports.



MAC LTC Subcommittee Mission- 03/24/2026



Draft Mission Statement: The mission of the MAC LTSS Subcommittee is to provide guidance and stakeholder input to the DC Medicaid program to strengthen the delivery, quality, and accessibility of Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) for individuals with disabilities and older adults. In collaboration with DHCF, providers, advocates, and beneficiaries, the subcommittee works to improve the design, oversight, and delivery of LTSS within the DC Medicaid program, ensuring person-centered care and community living.



Suggested Updates from the MAC Subcommittee Meeting- 03/24/20206

1. Add explicit references to DC Health (Department of Health) and DACL (Department of Aging and Community Living) as “sister agencies” and core collaborators.
2. Broaden “community living” language to reflect residential settings (nursing facilities, assisted living) so residents in facilities feel included.
3. Emphasize person-centered care: “right care, right place, right time,” recognizing preferences differ by beneficiary.
4. Consider weaving in themes of transparency, access, and ‘no wrong door’ across the continuum (hospital → facility → home).



Revised Mission Statement



The mission of the MAC LTSS Subcommittee is to provide guidance and stakeholder input to the DC Medicaid program to strengthen the delivery, quality, and accessibility of Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) for individuals with disabilities and older adults. In close collaboration with DHCF and its sister agencies, DC Health (Department of Health) and DACL (Department of Aging and Community Living), as well as providers, advocates, and beneficiaries, the subcommittee works to improve the design, oversight, and delivery of LTSS across all residential and community-based settings—including nursing facilities, assisted living settings, and home and community-based services.

Grounded in a commitment to person-centered care and the principle of delivering the right care, in the right place, at the right time, the subcommittee recognizes that beneficiary goals and preferences vary and must guide LTSS planning and delivery. The subcommittee also supports the values of transparency, equitable access, and a “no wrong door” approach throughout the continuum of care—from hospitals to facility-based care to home-based services—to ensure that all District residents can navigate services effectively and receive the supports they need.



Recap of Previous MAC Meeting 03/24/2026

Discussion Topics:

- Medical Eligibility
- Medicaid Services and Coverage
- Policy, Oversight, and DHCF Program Operation
- Managed Care, Case Management Processes, and Care Transitions



Updated EPD Waiver Program Participant Handbook

The EPD Waiver Participant Handbook serves as a reference guide on what you need to know about EPD Waiver services including a description of the EPD Waiver services, your rights and responsibilities as a Medicaid EPD Waiver participant, how to file a complaint, a grievance, an appeal or a Fair Hearing.

The Department of Health Care Finance, the District of Columbia's Medicaid agency, wants EPD Waiver participants to understand the EPD Waiver process, how to access the EPD Waiver program, what to do if things do not go as planned, and how to be your own best advocate.



Purpose of Medicaid EPD Waiver Handbook Review

- ☐ It addresses some of the topics raised in the first meeting: services, enrollment, renewals, access, case management, and navigation issues.
- ☐ Offers a beneficiary centered starting point for subcommittee collaboration.
- ☐ Committee members will be asked to provide feedback on readability, clarity, completeness, and beneficiary comprehension.



EPD Waiver Handbook Discussion

- Are communication channels with DACL, CMAs, and LTCA, clear and user-friendly?
 - DACL: I&R/A- (202) 724-5626
 - CMA's LTSS Directory- Medicaid LTSS Provider Directory
 - LTCA- (202) 442-9533
- How clearly does the handbook explain the EPD Waiver program and the enrollment process to new or unfamiliar readers?
- Are there important topics missing that beneficiaries or providers regularly ask about?
- Any additional resources not in the handbook that we should add?



EPD Waiver Handbook Discussion

- Is the language accessible for beneficiaries?
- Are any sections confusing, missing, or too technical?



Access and Distribution of the Handbook

- The EPD Waiver Handbook will be published on DHCF's website once finalized.
- DACL will mail printed copies of the handbook to beneficiaries upon request, and it is included in the self-service application packets.
- Community transition workers also provide hard copies during field visits.



MAC LTC Subcommittee Webpage

- Go-Live in progress
- The Webpage will include:
 - Description and purpose of the subcommittee
 - LTCA point of contact
 - All Meeting materials (Presentation Slides, and FAQs)



Structure and Logistics

▶ Upcoming Meetings

– MAC Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 2026, 5:30-7:30pm

– MAC LTC Subcommittee Co-Chair Meeting:

Wednesday, September 9, 2:00pm- 3:00pm

– MAC LTC Subcommittee Meeting

Wednesday September 23, 2026, 2:00pm-3:30pm

THANK YOU