

Commissioner's Network Adequacy Advisory Council Meeting Minutes for July 10, 2025

This Council conducted a public meeting on July 10, 2025, at 10:00 am.

The Council members present were:

1. Dr. Howard Baron
2. Mr. Patrick Kelly
3. Ms. Shae Herbert
4. Ms. Heidi Sterner
5. Mr. Thomas McCoy
6. Ms. Sarah Fox
7. Mr. Daniel Rogoff
8. Ms. Ashley DeLanis

The Council members absent were:

1. Dr. Vu Luu

The following Division of Insurance members were present:

1. Maile Campbell
2. Kaysha Knight

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – The meeting was called to order. Reida Wagner called the roll, and everyone was present except for Dr. Vu Luu.
2. Introductory Remarks – Reida Wagner reminded the Council and public of the Council's charge which establishes the scope of the Council's work and determines recommendations to the Commissioner as to what network adequacy requirements should be. She also reminded participants that Nevada's Open Meeting Law applies which means that the meeting will be recorded, and minutes will be taken. This information will be made available to the public through the Division's website.
3. Public Comment – No public comment at this time.
4. Minutes from the September 11, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved, with no changes.
5. Discussion of the 2027 Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters was minimal, just a reminder to the Council.
6. The vision of the Council, specific to network adequacy, for individual and small group health plans was reiterated for the members' edification. Dr. Baron interjected that, due to the turnover of the Council members in the past few years, a two minute introduction of each would be beneficial and, subsequently, each Council member introduced themselves.

Reida circled back to the vision of the Council and also reminded the members that their recommendations for the PY26 QHP standards would be discussed in a yet to be scheduled workshop and hearing for adoption into Title 57. Pat Kelly asked if there were any additional changes known at this time and Reida demurred but stated the newly enacted QHP time and distance standards were a challenge to most if not all carriers, particularly for the counties with extreme access considerations (CEAC).

Sarah Fox asked about incorporating telehealth into the standards in order for the carrier's to meet the requirements. A lively discussion ensued among the Council regarding how this could be

implemented and tracked. The proposal was to have carriers include physical addresses in CEACs but only after consulting with Jack Childress regarding how to accommodate, i.e., via the Division annual filing guidance or through law/regulation.

Dr. Baron expressed concern whether or not this proposal would be addressing network adequacy on paper or in reality. Reida elaborated on the Division administration of current network standards for the edification of the Council for their consideration of modifying the standards. Reida noted that current network standards addressed proximity, rather than access, to a provider and perhaps the Council should consider new types of standards (e.g., provider to enrollee ratio, tracking time and distance standards for physical office visits and appointment wait time for telehealth). Reida requested information from the carrier representatives regarding telehealth metrics.

Pat Kelly expressed concern with access to care in the CEACs as a result of the “Big Beautiful Bill” and stated he wanted a comment about this concern in the final report to the Commissioner, i.e., accessibility to care in all areas but particularly the CEACs. He recommended a statement to the effect of “The Council recognizes that there is nothing in the near term horizon that is going to create more providers in the rural areas and that we want to encourage innovation and the use of technology in addressing the healthcare needs of people in these rural communities.”

Heidi Sterner requested that the report be sent to the Patient Protection Commission (PPC).

Dr. Baron requested that the Division supply the current network standards, Federal and Nevada specific, to the Council members.

ACTION ITEM: Reida to report on discussion with Jack at next meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Carrier representatives to provide by July 24, 2025.

ACTION ITEM: Reida to send final report to PPC.

ACTION ITEM: Reida to standards to Council. **COMPLETED 07/10/25**

7. Discuss schedule for 2025 meetings – Reminder that the next meeting is August 14, 2025 and the final meeting is September 11, 2025”
8. Public Comment – No public comment at this time.
9. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

This recording and all recordings of past Council meetings can be found on the Division’s website:

https://doi.nv.gov/Insurers/Life_and_Health/Network_Adequacy_Advisory_Council/