

Commissioner's Network Adequacy Advisory Council Meeting Minutes for August 22, 2024

This Council conducted a public meeting on August 22, 2024, at 10:02am.

The Council members present were:

Dr. Howard Baron, Patrick Kelly, Shae Herbert, Heidi Sterner, Thomas McCoy, Sarah Fox, Jack Kim

The Council member was absent:

Dr. Vu Luu

The following Division of Insurance members were present:

Reida Wagner, Todd Rich, Jack Childress, Shanna Wallace, Maile Campbell, Rosalie Bordelove

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – The meeting was called to order. Reida Wagner notified the Council of the resignation of Joy Thomas and asked if the Council would provide a recommended replacement.
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. He 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 June 20, 2024 meeting were approved as amended to reflect the correction of Shae Herbert's name.
5. Wait Time Standards on the Federally Facilitated Exchange - At the request of Shae Herbert, the Federally Facilitated Exchange (FFE) standards for appointment wait time were reviewed and discussed. Reida Wagner presented the standards and provided an overview of the CMS review process of carrier compliance; it was stressed that these standards are not applicable to State Based Exchanges. Dr. Howard Baron expressed concern about future implementation of appointment wait time standards in Nevada, stating that Nevada wait times are due to provider shortages. He offered, as one of ten pediatric gastroenterologists practicing in Nevada, the standard appointment wait time for an office visit at his practice is greater than 30 days. Jack Kim and Sarah Fox, representing carriers, also expressed concern about meeting these standards in the future without the availability of new providers to Nevada.
6. Discussion, Deliberation, and Potential Direction by Council regarding Network Adequacy Standards for PY26 - The motion from the June 20th meeting, to only apply the new federal standards to Qualified Health Plans in 2026, was put to vote. The Council unanimously voted to approve the 2026 federal standards to QHPs. The motion to not apply the new federal standards to non-QHPs, individual and small group, was put to vote. The Council unanimously voted to disapprove applying the 2026 federal standards to non-QHPs, individual and small group.
7. Discussion on PY26 meetings – The Council was asked to provide any agenda items for the September 11, 2024.
8. Public Comment – No public comment at this time.

9. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

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