

Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)

July 16, 2026

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Welcome

- Open Meetings Act
- Conflict of Interest Form
- Roll Call

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Follow-ups from last meeting

- Review and approve May 21, 2026, meeting minutes:
<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/MAC.aspx#docaccess-b650a6c938342cd95793e8aa71083dd6>
- MAC/BAC Flyer

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MLTC Announcements

- Jacob Kawamoto – Deputy Director of Policy & Plan Management
- The MAC/BAC Annual Report is now posted - <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Beneficiary-Advisory-Committee.aspx#docaccess-991b44af9588ec5d581038dd6cd80707>
- July 2026 updates to the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Medicaid Service Definitions can be viewed here - <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Behavioral-Health-Definitions.aspx> (Public comment was December 2025-January 2026)
- Group feedback on extending the November MAC meeting by 30 minutes

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MLTC Announcements

State Plan Amendments (SPA)

NE 26-0005: Certified Lactation Consultant (CLC) – Prenatal Plus Program

o Effective July 1, 2026, Certified Lactation Consultants will be able to provide breastfeeding instruction sessions under the Prenatal Plus Program (PPP)

NE 26-0006: Enhanced Primary Care (EPC) Program

Effective July 1, 2026, the Nebraska Medicaid EPC program will be discontinued.

EPC provider claims incurred through June 30, 2026, will be reimbursed using the EPC fee schedule rate. Effective July 1, 2026, EPC provider services will be reimbursed primarily through the Physician fee schedule.

No action is required from participating EPC providers

NE 26-0007: Nursing Facility Inflation Factor

Effective July 1, 2026, the inflation factor for the nursing facility rate period is -2.07%

NE 26-0008: Intermediate Care Facility Inflation Factor

Effective July 1, 2026, the inflation factor for intermediate care facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities (ICF-DD) is 24.0%

NE 26-0009: Inpatient Hospital Rates

Effective July 1, 2026, MLTC will update the Medicaid State Plan to reflect updated effective dates for payment rates for psychiatric residential treatment facilities and transplant diagnosis-related group direct medical education payments

NE 26-0010: Outpatient Hospital and Professional Provider Rates

Effective July 1, 2026, MLTC will update the Medicaid State Plan to reflect current payment rate effective dates for state fiscal year 2027

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MAC Announcements

- At this time, MAC members may share updates and announcements

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Beneficiary Advisory Committee (BAC) Update

- Creation of 2 subcommittees
- Public Comment

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H.R.1 Update

- Medicaid Work Requirements
 - Data Reporting
 - Interim Final Rule
 - Processing MWR Renewals
 - County-based temporary hardships
- Introduction to Medicaid eligibility changes for noncitizens

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Medicaid Eligibility for Noncitizens: Upcoming Changes

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Five-Year Bar

- ▶ To receive Medicaid or CHIP, certain qualified noncitizens who lawfully enter the United States*, must wait five years after receiving a qualified immigration status before they are eligible, unless they meet certain exceptions.
- ▶ Pregnant women and children under 19 do not have to meet the 5-year bar

*Applies to people who entered the U.S. on or after August 22, 1996

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Five-Year Bar

The noncitizens who **do not** need to meet the 5-year bar after becoming lawful permanent residents are:

- Asylees
- Refugees
- Certified victims of trafficking and their spouse, child, sibling, or parents
- Veterans or active-duty military and spouses or unmarried dependents,
- Amerasian immigrants
- Iraqi and Afghani special immigrants
- Certain Ukrainian or Afghan parolees
- People whose deportation is being withheld
- Certain Native Americans born abroad

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Medicaid Eligibility: Changes for Noncitizens

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Current Medicaid Eligibility Based on Immigration Status

- Currently, qualified noncitizens that can be deemed eligible for Medicaid are:
 - Lawful permanent residents*
 - Refugees
 - Certain Parolees*
 - Cuban and Haitian Entrants
 - Asylum grantees
 - Certain noncitizens granted conditional entry
 - Certain abused spouses and children
 - Trafficking victims
 - COFA migrants (individuals residing in US who are with Compacts of Free Association with Micronesia, the Marshall Islands and Palau)
 - Certain other noncitizens

‣ *subject to meeting the five-year bar requirement. Pregnant women and children are exempt from the five-year bar.

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Upcoming Medicaid Eligibility Based on Immigration Status

These noncitizens who meet all other eligibility requirements (such as income requirements), will still qualify for Medicaid after September 30, 2026:

- **Lawful permanent residents**, also known as green card holders, who have met the five-year waiting period or can be credited with 40 working quarters
- **Lawful permanent residents** who used to be in one of the following groups:
 - Refugees
 - Asylees
 - Victims of trafficking and their spouse, child, sibling, or parents
 - Veterans or active-duty military and spouses or unmarried dependents who also have qualified non-citizen status
 - Amerasian immigrants
 - Iraqi and Afghani special immigrants
 - Certain Ukrainian and Afghan parolees
 - People whose deportation is being withheld
- **Cuban and Haitian entrants**
- **Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants**, including individuals from Micronesia, Marshall Islands, and Palau
- Lawfully present non-citizens who are:
 - **Pregnant**, or
 - **Under the age of 19**

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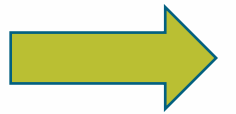
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Can people who lose their Medicaid coverage still get other medical assistance from DHHS?

Yes, there may be other options for medical assistance available.



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599 CHIP Program

- Program covers unborn children of expecting mothers who are not eligible for Medicaid or CHIP
- Coverage limited to prenatal and pregnancy-related services, as well as labor and delivery
- Mother cannot have health insurance
- Common cases covered under 599:
 - Pregnant minors whose parents' income is too high
 - Pregnant women ineligible for Medicaid due to immigration status



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Emergency Medical Services for Aliens (EMSA)

- For Nebraska residents who are ineligible for Medicaid due to citizenship or immigration status
- Covers treatment for emergency medical conditions
- Emergency defined as:
 - Serious jeopardy to health
 - Serious impairment of bodily functions
 - Serious bodily dysfunction
- Treatment covered
 - Hospitalization and ER
 - Labor and delivery
 - Serious events like strokes, etc.
- There is a not separate application for these services



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Next Steps

What should potentially impacted groups do to prepare?



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Noncitizens who could be affected should:

1. Make sure Nebraska has their current mailing address and phone number.
2. Respond to any requests for information from DHHS.
3. Schedule all medical, dental, and behavioral health appointments and refill prescriptions now.

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Nebraska Medicaid Maternal Health

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Overview

- Reporting a pregnancy
- Continuous Eligibility
- Prenatal Plus Program
- 599 CHIP
- Exempt/Nutritional Formula Reimbursement
- Doula Services (coming soon)

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Reporting a Pregnancy

- Current Medicaid beneficiaries should report their pregnancy to Nebraska Medicaid as soon as possible to ensure that they receive prenatal services
- Beneficiaries can contact Nebraska Medicaid in the following ways:
 - Online at iserve.Nebraska.gov
 - Email: DHHS.ANDICenter@Nebraska.gov
 - Fax: 402-742-2351
 - Call
 - Omaha – 402-595-1178
 - Lincoln – 402-473-7000
 - Toll-Free – 402-471-7256

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Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women

- If an individual becomes pregnant and is not on Medicaid but believes they may be eligible for Medicaid, their provider can make a presumptive eligibility determination
- If found presumptively eligible, the pregnant woman can begin receiving ambulatory prenatal care Medicaid services
- The pregnant woman must submit an official Medicaid application by the last day of the following month
- One presumptive determination is allowed per pregnancy
- Providers must be enrolled in the program to make determinations
- For more information email – DHHS.MedicaidPE@Nebraska.gov

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Continuous Eligibility

- Since January 1, 2024, Nebraska Medicaid provides 12 months of continuous postpartum coverage for mothers who receive Medicaid while they are pregnant

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Prenatal Plus Program

- **Population:** At-risk mothers, does not include 599 CHIP
- **Services:** Monthly care coordination, Nutrition Counseling, Breastfeeding Education, Psychosocial Counseling, and Patient Education and Health Promotion.
- **Provider Requirements:** Care coordinator must be a RN, LPN, CMA, LCSW, or CHC
- **How to enroll:** Provider determines patient would benefit from the program, Care Coordinator completes the intake assessment and bills 96160 when it is complete.

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Exempt/Nutritional Formula Reimbursement

- Nebraska Medicaid is the **first** payor for exempt and nutritionals as defined by the WIC formulary.
- Providers should prescribe formula as medically necessary and send orders to Nebraska Medicaid DME providers
- <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Medicaid%20Provider%20Bulletins/Provider%20Bulletin%2026-05.pdf>

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Lactation Services

- Lactation consultation is available for up to 10 sessions per child
- Lactation providers is currently limited to and IBCLC with a professional medical license as defined by public health (RN, LPN, MD, RD etc)
- Services are limited to in-person only
- Breast pumps are also available to Medicaid members:
<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Medicaid%20Provider%20Bulletins/Provider%20Bulletin%2025-01.pdf>

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Doula Services

- In accordance with LB 958 Nebraska Medicaid will begin to cover Doula service in 2028
- In order to develop this reimbursement program, the bill requires the formation of a work group consisting of different community and professional stakeholders.
- If you wish to be a part of these meetings kicking off in fall 2026 please email dhhs.maternalhealth@nebraska.gov

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Maternity Billing Unbundling

- As a result of CPT code changes from the American Medical Society there will be extensive changes to maternity billing starting January 2027.
- Details and further information will be released in the coming months from Nebraska Medicaid about this change.

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Maternal Health Resources

- <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Maternal-Health.aspx>
- <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Documents/599%20CHIP%20one-pager.pdf>
- <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Provider-Presumptive-Eligibility.aspx>
- <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Prenatal-Plus-Program.aspx>

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Comments / Questions?

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Open Discussion / Public Comment

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Next Meeting

- September 17, 2026, from 3 to 5 p.m. – Omaha, NE
- In-person meeting –virtual option for the public

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