

# Vermont Medicaid and Exchange Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

1.	10:00	Call to Order	Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate
2.	10:00	Roll Call Establish Quorum Approve Previous Minutes	Zack Goss, Health Care Training and Communication Manager (DVHA)
3.	10:10	Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) Leadership Transition Update	Nissa James, Health Care Director (DVHA)
4.	10:20	Advisory Committee Recruitment and Renewal: Update and Committee Discussion	Zack Goss, Health Care Training and Communication Manager (DVHA)
5.	10:45	H.430 (Act 48) of 2021: Overview and Implementation, Committee Discussion	Nissa James, Health Care Director (DVHA)
6.	11:10	American Rescue Plan Act Update and Committee Discussion	Sean Sheehan, Senior Policy and Implementation Analyst (DVHA)
7.	11:30	Commissioner's Update	Addie Strumolo, Acting Commissioner (DVHA) Sandi Hoffman, Deputy Commissioner (DVHA) Nissa James, Health Care Director (DVHA)
8.	11:40	Public Comment	Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate
9.	11:50	Final Committee Discussion	Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate
10.	12:00	Adjourn	Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the

**July 26, 2021**  
**10am-12pm**



# **Roll Call, Quorum, June 28, 2021**

## **Meeting Minutes**

Zack Goss, Health Care Training and Communication Manager (DVHA)



# Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) Leadership Update

Nissa James, Health Care Director (DVHA)



# **Advisory Committee Recruitment and Renewal: Update and Committee Discussion**

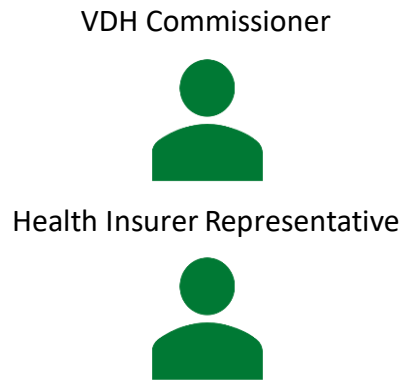
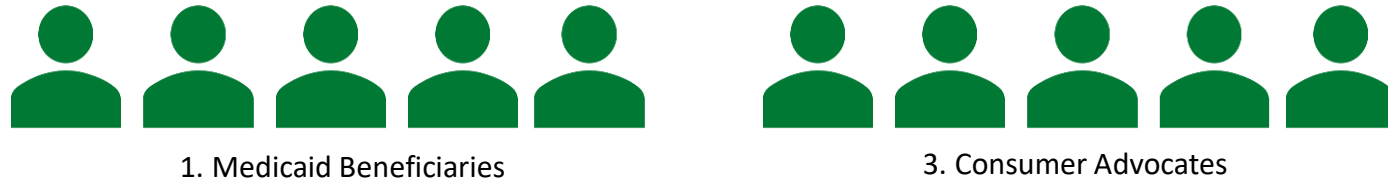
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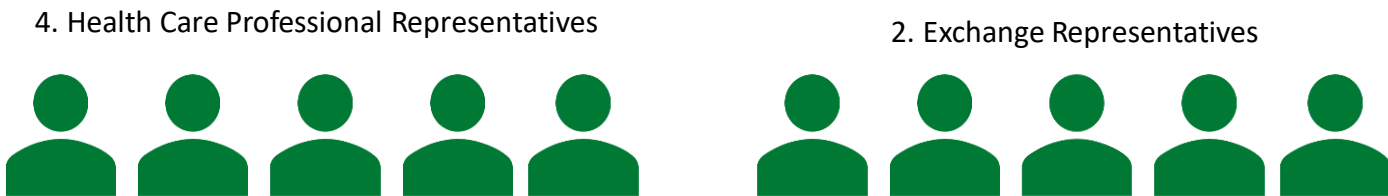
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# Medicaid and Exchange Advisory Committee Composition



(State Statute: [33 V.S.A. § 402](#))  
Medicaid and Exchange Advisory Committee



**\*22 Member  
minimum**

One quarter of the members shall be from each of the following constituencies:

1. beneficiaries of Medicaid or Medicaid-funded programs;
2. individuals, self-employed individuals, health insurance brokers and agents, and representatives of businesses eligible for or enrolled in the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange;
3. advocates for consumer organizations; and
4. health care professionals and representatives from a broad range of health care

- Loss of 3 members
- One member who cannot commit to regular attendance
- One Medicaid Beneficiary who is pending Commissioner re-appointment

**The Department of Vermont Health Access recommends that Acting Commissioner Strumolo move forward with member appointment to fill vacant positions but requests Committee approval/recommendation to do so.**

# **H.430 (Act 48) of 2021: Overview and Implementation, Committee Discussion**

Nissa James, Health Care Director (DVHA)



# Act 48 (H.430) of 2021: 3 Important Messages for Providers, Community Organizations, and Vermonters to Know Right Now

## 1. Overview:

Coming soon!

October of 2021: The State will release an opportunity for providers to receive funding for furnishing health care services to pregnant persons and children who would be eligible for Vermont Medicaid EXCEPT for their immigration status in accordance with Act 48 of 2021. This funding will provide a bridge to the state-funded program that will begin summer of 2022 if the Vermont Legislature provides funding for the program during the next legislative session.

**2. Where people who want to learn more can go to find information:** “Visit <https://dvha.vermont.gov/> or contact the Office of the Health Care Advocate at: <https://vtlawhelp.org/health>.”

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2022/H.430>



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## 3. What is available now?

Emergency Medicaid:

Although some people have an immigration status that means they can't get Medicaid, they may be able to have their emergency care paid.

What is an emergency?

1. Labor and delivery if you are pregnant;
2. Sudden, dangerous medical problems like heart attacks or being hurt in an accident.

How does someone get emergency care paid for?

1. Apply for Medicaid.
2. If your care meets the rules, Medicaid will pay some or all of the bills.

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2022/H.430>

# American Rescue Plan Act Communications Toolkit and Virtual Town Hall Meetings

Seán Sheehan, Senior Policy and Implementation Analyst (DVHA)



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# American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Communications Toolkit: Check-in with Committee

- Link to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Toolkit:  
<https://info.healthconnect.vermont.gov/find-local-help/educational-materials/ARPA>
- Have you used or shared the communications within the Toolkit?
- Do you plan to use or share the communications within the Toolkit? If so, how?
- Have you received any feedback that the Department should consider when next updating the Toolkit?
- Next Health Insurance Town Hall – this Wednesday, July 28, 2021.  
Link: <http://bit.ly/VHCARPA>

# Commissioner's Update

Addie Strumolo, Acting Commissioner (DVHA)

Sandi Hoffman, Deputy Commissioner (DVHA)

Nissa James, Health Care Director (DVHA)



# Public Comment & Final Committee Discussion

## Adjourn

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate,  
Office of the Health Care Advocate

