

Vermont Medicaid and Exchange Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

1.	10:00	Call to Order	Sharon Henault, Co-Chair
2.	10:05	Roll Call Establish Quorum Approve Previous Minutes	Zack Goss, Director of Customer Communication (Department of Vermont Health Access, "DVHA")
3.	10:10	Health Benefits Eligibility and Enrollment (HBEE) Rules Revisions	Dani Fuoco, Senior Policy and Implementation Analyst (DVHA)
4.	10:30	Silver Loading/OE25 planning	Adaline Strumolo, Acting Commissioner (DVHA) Zack Goss, Director of Customer Communication (DVHA)
5.	11:00	MEAC Budget Letter	Jessa Barnard, Member Mike Fisher, Member
6.	11:15	Commissioner's Office Update	Adaline Strumolo, Acting Commissioner (DVHA)
7.	11:30	Medicaid Director Update	Monica Ogelby, Medicaid Director (AHS)
8.	11:40	Public Comment	Sharon Henault, Co-Chair
9.	11:50	Final Committee Discussion	Sharon Henault, Co-Chair
10.	12:00	Adjourn	Sharon Henault, Co-Chair

June 24, 2024
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Roll Call, Quorum, May 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Zack Goss, Director of Customer Communication (DVHA)

Health Benefits Eligibility and Enrollment (HBEE) Rules Revisions

Dani Fuoco, Senior Policy and Implementation Analyst (DVHA)

Overview: HBEE Rule

The HBEE rule provides the eligibility standards for Medicaid and other health care programs. The HBEE rule has eight parts (**bolded parts** will go through rulemaking this year):

- Part 1 – General Provisions and Definitions
- **Part 2 – Eligibility Standards**
- **Part 3 – Nonfinancial Eligibility Requirements**
- Part 4 – Special Rules for Medicaid Coverage of Long-Term Care Services and Supports – Eligibility and Post-Eligibility
- Part 5 – Financial Methodologies
- Part 6 – Small Employer Health Benefits Program Rules
- **Part 7 – Eligibility-and-Enrollment Procedures**
- Part 8 – State Fair Hearings and Expedited Eligibility Appeals

2024 HBEE Rulemaking

AHS plans to do rulemaking this year in 3 parts of HBEE (Parts 2, 3, and 7). Some of these changes are federally required and some make permanent policies that have already been enacted during the unwinding of the continuous coverage requirements in place during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

HBEE Part	Revision	In effect now?	Unwinding related?
Part 2	Changes to Transitional Medicaid (GCR 24-063)	Yes	Yes
Part 2	Dividend/interest income disregard for MSPs	Yes	No
Part 3	DACA recipients “lawfully present” for QHPs only	No	No
Part 3	Repeal of requirement to pursue unearned income	Yes	Yes
Part 7	Automatic QMB enrollment for SSI recipients	Yes	No
Part 7	90-day reconsideration period for new applicants	Yes	No
Part 7	Removal of interview requirement for LTC Medicaid	Yes	No

Tentative Timeline for Rulemaking

Action	Target Date
File proposed rule with Secretary of State	August 30, 2024
Public hearing	October 4, 2024
Public comment period held	September 4 – October 11, 2024
LCAR hearing	December 5, 2024
Effective date of adopted rule	January 1, 2025

Thank you

Questions/Comments?

Silver Loading/ OE25 planning

Adaline Strumolo, Acting Commissioner (DVHA)

Zack Goss, Director of Customer Communication (DVHA)

Silver Alignment Communications Plan DRAFT

Important Messages

Mediums

Timeline

Key Populations/Targeted messaging

Important Messages

Attention! There are changes to health plans in 2025.

Key Messages:

- **More subsidies are available for 2025.**
- Customers are encouraged to shop and consider buying a higher metal level. For many Vermonters, gold plans will be less expensive than other options.

General Communications will emphasize:

- Changes this year
- Encouragement to “shop” (your current selection might not be the best plan for you).

Targeted Communications will:

- Explain that there may be a preferable option.
- Suggest what “many” Vermonters might prefer and “why”.

Communication Mediums

General

- Partner Newsletter
- Assister Newsletter
- Social Media
- Website
- PCT
- Town Hall events
- Informational Video
- Press Release
- VT Medicaid Portal Banner Messages

Targeted

- Customer Notices (VHC)
- Customer Notices (Carrier)
- Email
- Text
- Postcards

“Ready, Set, Go” Timeline



6/1

Align



8/1

Prepare



10/15

PCT go live



11/1

Open Enrollment Starts



12/15

Deadline for 1/1 Start Date



1/15

Open Enrollment Ends

Get in position

SOV and Carriers align on messaging and timeline

Ready

Prepare Vermonters, Organizations, and Advocates for a change in landscape.

Set

Remind Vermonters, Organizations, and Advocates when it is close to action time. Make sure they have the information they need to make an informed decision. Explain the changes.

Go

Reminder Vermonters to TAKE ACTION and choose wisely!



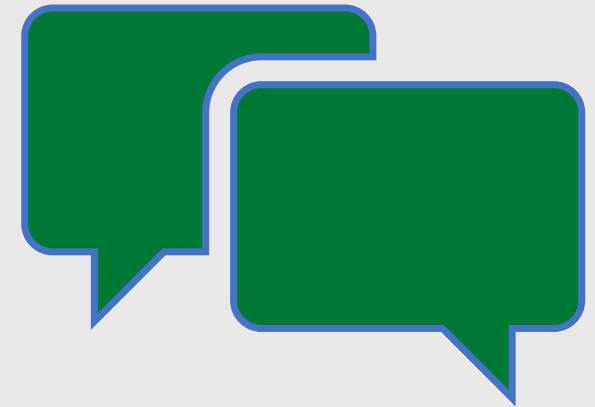
High-Level Timeline



MEAC Budget Letter

Jessa Barnard & Mike Fisher, Subcommittee Members

Discussion & Vote



Commissioner's Office Update

Adaline Strumolo, Acting Commissioner (DVHA)

Medical Director Update

Monica Ogelby, Medicaid Director (AHS)

Public Comment & Final Committee Discussion

Adjourn

Sharon Henault , Co-Chair