



MAC Budget Recommendations Meeting

frequently asked questions

What is the MAC?

The Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) is a group that advises the Utah Medicaid program on policy development and program management to ensure Medicaid services are effective.

What is the MAC budget recommendations meeting?

During this annual meeting, the committee hears presentations from organizations and individuals requesting:

- Increased Medicaid reimbursement rates for specific services; and/or
- Coverage of new healthcare services.

What happens after the budget recommendations meeting?

During the June meeting, the committee members vote on the presentations. This vote advises the department which priorities are important to the committee to improve the Medicaid program. The voting is based on a scale where one is the highest priority. The lower the overall score, the higher priority for the committee members.

What happens after the vote in June?

The department considers MAC priorities when developing its proposed budget for the next fiscal year. The department submits its proposed budget to the governor for consideration in the governor's budget. The governor's budget is typically released in November each year. While MAC priorities are taken into account, their inclusion in the governor's budget is not guaranteed.

After the governor's budget is released, the legislature reviews and considers funding for the items included in the budget, along with other funding proposals from legislators. The department will advocate for funding for any items included in the governor's budget. The department must be neutral on funding items that are not included in the governor's budget. The legislature has final approval of the state's budget.



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What if a request is not included in the governor's budget?

Organizations or individuals are encouraged to find a legislative sponsor to secure funding through legislature-approved appropriations.

What if my request was not on the governor's budget or did not pass with appropriations during the legislative session?

Presenters can sign up to present at the next MAC budget recommendations meeting. You may also email dmhfmedicalpolicy@utah.gov to request the medical policy team consider adding the service to Medicaid policy. You can also contact the medical policy team before presenting at the MAC budget recommendations meeting.

When is the budget recommendations meeting?

This is a virtual meeting held once a year on the third Thursday in May from 4 - 6 p.m. MST.

How do I sign up to present at the MAC budget recommendations meeting?

To sign up, email Sharon Steigerwalt at ssteigerwalt@utah.gov. Sharon will tell you what information you need for the meeting and will coordinate with the presenters before the meeting.

Are there resources to prepare for the budget recommendations meeting?

You can view past budget recommendations meetings on the [MAC website](#). Click on the meeting minutes link and view the meeting recording from the previous year.

How long are the presentations?

On average the presenters will have 5 minutes. The length of the presentations depend on the number of requests to present each year. Presenters will be told how long they can speak before the meeting.



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Who do I contact with questions?

Contact Sharon Steigerwalt (ssteigerwalt@utah.gov) with questions or you can talk to MAC committee members. The list of members is on the [MAC website](#).