

INCOME MAINTENANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IMAC)

Thursday, October 17, 2024

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Zoom: <https://dhswi.zoomgov.com/j/1619409056>

Minutes

Invitees

Attendees (X = Attended)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Katie Sepnieski – DHS BEOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tarah Richardson – DHS BEOT
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Pungnou Her – DHS BEOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brookelynn Slamka – DHS BEEP
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Linsey Donaldson – DHS BEOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Laura Hanson – DHS BEEP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Victoria Conley – DHS BEEP	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rebecca David – DHS BEEP
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bay Lake – Chelsey Groessl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moraine Lakes – Mia Anderson-Inman
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Capital – Shawn Tessmann	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Northern – Steve Budnik
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Capital – Adam Chorlton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern – Jeanine Spuhler
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Central – Nicole Rolain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Southern – Kate Chambers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Central – Amanda Brooks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Southern – Laci Bainbridge
<input type="checkbox"/>	East Central – Ann Kriegel	<input type="checkbox"/>	Western – Lorie Graff (co-chair)
<input type="checkbox"/>	East Central – Annett Mooney	<input type="checkbox"/>	Western – Tricia Wavra
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Great Rivers – Kathy Welke (co-chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WKRP – Kimm Peters
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Great Rivers – Ronda Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kevin Wetherbee
<input type="checkbox"/>	East Central – John Rathman (co-chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tami Berg - OIG
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Renee Lyman – Dodge County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Raelle Allen - Lac du Flambeau Tribe
<input type="checkbox"/>	Carol Sjoblom – Columbia County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maria Delgado – Southern
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alyson Wagoner - Forest County Potawatomi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Roxann Binkowski – Waushara County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Heidrun Kovach – Dane County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adam Chorlton – Capital Consortia
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mitch Birkey – Calumet County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deb Bohlman – Fond du Lac County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kesha Cole – Ozaukee County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amy Beranek – Dodge County
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Deb Williquette – Manitowoc County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rob Klingforth – Moraine Lakes
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AGENDA

Welcome (Katie Sepnieski & Kathy Welke)

- Report attendance by replying to the email from DHSBEOTAdmin@dhs.wisconsin.gov.

Approval of September 19, 2024, Meeting Minutes (Katie Sepnieski)

- Motions made to approve the minutes by Adam Chorlton and Steve Budnik, then approved by consensus.

Policy Updates (Department of Health Services)

Healthcare

Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP) Premiums

- The Department is in the process of working to resolve several systems and process challenges related to the reinstatement of MAPP premiums. To prevent coverage losses related to MAPP premiums, terminations of MAPP coverage for members who do not pay their premium on time until further notice will be paused. We have also stopped disenrollment letters to those members.
 - MAPP members can be disenrolled for reasons other than not paying premiums.
 - MAPP members who have premiums still need to pay by the 10th of every month. Disenrollments will be reinstated at a later date, so members use this period to determine what payment method works for them and enables them to pay on time.
- The Department has committed to letting income maintenance and other interested partners know at least a month in advance of resuming premium-related disenrollments.
- Income maintenance agencies received more information from the Problem Resolution Team that provides answers to questions agencies have asked about premiums, along with resources for members to support online premium payment and troubleshooting.

Time Limit Clock Reset

- Wisconsin's Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs) are limited to three months of time-limited benefits in a three-year period unless they are meeting the work requirement or an exemption.
- Wisconsin has a fixed three-year clock that starts and ends on the same dates for all ABAWDs, regardless of when their eligibility began or when they accrued time-limited benefit months. The current three-year clock for the ABAWD time limit began on January 1, 2022 and ends December 31, 2024.
- The next three-year period will begin on January 1, 2025 and end on December 31, 2027, which will be the first clock reset under the new policy of having the same three-year period for everyone.
- When this next three-year period starts, individuals or members that have accrued time-limited benefits will have their count reset to zero.
- The timing on this is ideal, as ABAWDs in the city of Milwaukee are subject to time-limited benefits for the first time in four years.
- The Department is developing the communication plan around the clock reset and will share more details later.

Good Cause

- There was a recent change in guidance from our federal partners at Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) on the policy of allowing good cause for not meeting the ABAWD work requirement.
- Good cause hours may allow an ABAWD to meet the FoodShare work requirement if the member is temporarily unable to meet the work requirement.
- Good cause hours may be granted for circumstance beyond the members' control such as, but not limited to family issues, inclement weather, lack of transportation, or unanticipated emergency.

- Effective October 1, 2024, there will no longer be a 40-hour limit for the application of good cause hours for the FoodShare work requirement.
- Good cause may be used in response to temporary situations related to the time limit transition and temporary influx of ABAWDs now subject to the time limit in the city of Milwaukee.
- This change has been communicated through a CARES coordinator notice, and an Operations Memo will follow in November 2024. Updates will also be made to process help and the FoodShare and Foodshare Employment and Training (FSET) policy handbooks.

FoodShare

FoodShare Eligibility for Compacts of Free Association (COFA) Citizens

- The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (CAA) signed into law earlier this year that made some changes in eligibility for Pacific Islanders from the Marshall Islands, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia. The change in law means that COFA citizens living in the United States can become eligible for FoodShare, and it also waives the five-year waiting period. An Operations Memo will be issued in early November.

Continuing Resolution

- In late September 2024, President Biden signed into law the Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (also known as the continuing resolution). This extends the authority to use federal funds to replace stolen benefits via card skimming, card cloning, and other similar fraudulent methods. Benefits that are stolen through December 20, 2024, can be reported and potentially replaced, so long as they are reported within 30 days of December 20, 2024. This may be extended again, but if it is not, members will need to report any loss that occurred on or prior to 12/20/2024 by 1/19/2025.

Subcommittee Updates (Income Maintenance Agency Subcommittee Co-Chairs)

- Income Maintenance Operational Analysis (IMOA) subcommittee met October 11, 2024. Kathy Welke shared key discussion points (see attachment). Next meeting is November 1, 2024.
- Call Center Technical Subcommittee met on September 30, 2024. Kris Weden shared key discussion points (see attachment). Next meeting is October 14, 2024.
- The Performance Monitoring Subcommittee met on September 18, 2024. Nicole Rolain shared key discussion points (see attachment). Next meeting is November 20, 2024.

Income Maintenance (IM) Funding and Contract Updates (Alicia Grulke & Kathy Welke)

- The 2025 Income Maintenance final contract changes were approved by consortia.

Consortia Feedback (Kathy Welke)

- None

Administrative Memos (Alicia Grulke & Kathy Welke)

- The administrative memo for Fraud Prevention and Investigation Program Allocations and Guidelines for Calendar year 2025 is being reviewed by consortia. Feedback will be shared back to the Department by November 15, 2024.

Regional Enrollment Network (Lorie Graff)

- None

Public Comment

- None

Announcements

- For upcoming meetings in 2024, send agenda items to the WHCSA Tri Chairs or Bureau of Eligibility Operations and Training operations associate at DHSBEOTAdmin@dhs.wisconsin.gov.