

Healthcare Advisory Committee

Federal Advisory Committee Meeting 2 | August 31, 2026

The Hubert H. Humphrey Building

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Committee Purpose

The Healthcare Advisory Committee (HAC) will advise HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and CMS Administrator Dr. Mehmet Oz on ways to improve how care is financed and delivered across Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and the Health Insurance Marketplace. The Committee will provide non-binding recommendations to inform federal healthcare policy and program administration.

Over its term, the Committee will focus on:

1. Developing actionable policy solutions to prevent and better manage chronic disease
2. Advancing accountability for safety and outcomes while reducing unnecessary administrative burden
3. Expanding the use of real-time data to support a higher quality of care, speed up claims processing, and improve quality measurement
4. Enhancing care for vulnerable populations, including those served by Medicaid
5. Strengthening Medicare Advantage sustainability, including modernizing risk adjustment and quality measurement

Committee Structure

Members will serve a two-year term and meet regularly. Public Committee meetings will be announced through the Federal Register.

Committee Members

Chair

Clive K. Fields, MD

Members

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| * Robert Bessler, MD | * Dennis Laraway, MBA |
| * Kimberly Brandt, JD | * Dan Liljenquist, JD |
| * Sebastian Caliri | * Andrew Lynch, PhD |
| * Steph Carlton | * Ursel J. McElroy, MA |
| * David Carmouche, MD | * Kyu Rhee, MD, MPP |
| * Elizabeth M. Fago | * Tony Robbins |
| * William (Bill) J. Gassen, JD | * Russ Thomas, JD |
| * Jenni Gudapati, PhD, MBA, RN | * Linda Thomas-Hemak, MD, FCAP, FAAP |
| * Valerie D. Huhn | |

Committee Meeting 2 Objectives

1. Understand the vision for each Working Group
2. Discuss each Working Group's initial ideas for fulfilling their vision
3. Collect public feedback on the Committee's progress

Agenda | August 31, 2026, 9:30 AM

Welcome and Roll Call | Dr. Clive Fields (Chair), Morgan Taylor (Designated Federal Officer)

Federal Advisory Committee Act Overview | Morgan Taylor

MAHA by Improving Wellness & Preventing Chronic Disease Working Group

Vision and Initial Ideas | Dr. Clive Fields (Working Group Lead)

Deliberation on Initial Ideas | Committee Members

Reducing Administrative Burden Working Group

Vision and Initial Ideas | Dan Liljenquist (Working Group Lead)

Deliberation on Initial Ideas | Committee Members

Deploying Real-Time Data Working Group

Vision and Initial Ideas | Sebastian Caliri (Working Group Lead)

Deliberation on Initial Ideas | Committee Members

Lunch

Improving Care for Vulnerable Populations Working Group

Vision and Initial Ideas | Dr. Kyu Rhee (Working Group Lead)

Deliberation on Initial Ideas | Committee Members

Strengthening Medicare Advantage Working Group

Vision and Initial Ideas | Dr. Robert Bessler (Working Group Lead)

Deliberation on Initial Ideas | Committee Members

Crushing Fraud, Waste, & Abuse Working Group

Vision and Initial Ideas | Russ Thomas (Working Group Lead)

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Break

Public Comment | Dr. Clive Fields

Closing and Next Steps | Dr. Clive Fields, Morgan Taylor