

Healthcare Advisory Committee

Federal Advisory Committee Meeting 1 | May 18, 2026

The Hubert H. Humphrey Building
200 Independence Avenue S.W. Washington, D.C., 20201

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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

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

Reference Documents

Please see the following reference and pre-reading materials.

- Draft Healthcare Advisory Committee Bylaws
- Healthcare Advisory Committee Charter

Committee Meeting 1 Objectives

1. Introduce Committee members
2. Approve Committee bylaws
3. Understand the Committee's charge and scope of work
4. Narrow the Committee's focus and each Working Group's scope

Agenda | May 18, 2026, 2:30 – 5:00 PM

Welcome | Dr. Clive Fields (Chair), Morgan Taylor (Designated Federal Officer)
2:30 – 2:45 PM

Introductions | Dr. Clive Fields
2:45 – 3:15 PM

Bylaws Discussion | Dr. Clive Fields
3:15 – 3:35 PM

Working Group Scope | Dr. Clive Fields, Working Group Leads (Dr. Clive Fields, Dan Liljenquist, Sebastian Caliri, Dr. Kyu Rhee, Dr. Robert Bessler, and Russ Thomas)
3:35 – 4:20 PM

Public Comment | Dr. Clive Fields
4:20 – 4:50 PM

Closing and Next Steps | Dr. Clive Fields, Morgan Taylor
4:50 – 5:00 PM