



MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Location: Virtual via [Zoom](#)

Council Members:

Dr. Deborah Spitalnik, Chair | Chrissy Buteas | Mary Coogan
Theresa Edelstein | Dr. Nicole McGrath-Barnes | Wayne Vivian

Presenters from the NJ Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services:

Gregory Woods, Assistant Commissioner Dr. Tom Lind, Medical Director
Kristine Byrnes, Assistant Division Director Shanique McGowan, Behavioral Health Policy Specialist
Lynda Grajeda, Chief, Managed Care Operations Jonathan Tew, Policy Director

Agenda Topic	Speaker
Welcome and Call to Order	Dr. Deborah Spitalnik
Federal Updates	Gregory Woods
Palliative Care Benefit Update	Dr. Tom Lind
Cell and Gene Therapy Model	Dr. Tom Lind
Housing Supports Update	Jonathan Tew
MCO Contract Changes: Nursing Facilities	Lynda Grajeda
Enrollment and Eligibility Updates	Gregory Woods and Kristine Byrnes
Medicaid Advisory Committee and Beneficiary Advisory Council Updates	Gregory Woods
Behavioral Health Integration Status Update	Shanique McGowan
Planning for the Next Meeting	Dr. Deborah Spitalnik

2025 Meeting Dates

January 30 | April 30 | July 17 | October 30

10 AM – 12 Noon via Zoom

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