



MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AND NJ FAMILYCARE 1115 COMPREHENSIVE DEMONSTRATION POST-AWARD FORUM

Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM **Location:** Virtual [Zoom](#) Meeting

Council Members: Dr. Deborah Spitalnik, Chair | Dr. Rina Ramirez-Alexander | Doreen Atkinson | Dr. Nicole McGrath-Barnes
Chrissy Buteas | Mary Coogan | Theresa Edelstein | LaTina Gaines | Sam George | Cheryl Golden | Jamila McLean | Victor Murray
Dr. Becky Ofrane | Anthony Pantaleo | Hitesh Patel | Shirley Santillán | Sarah Sternbach | Wayne Vivian | Laura Wadell

Ex-Officio Members: Jeff Carrick, NJ Dept. of Children & Families | David Helfand, NJ Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services
Jonathan Seifried, NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities

Presenters from the NJ Medicaid Fraud Division:

Melanie Donnelly, Advisor Administration and Managed Care Organizations | Amanda Shiber, Policy Advisor

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

Gregory Woods, Assistant Commissioner

Kristine Byrnes, Assistant Division Director

Lynda Grajeda, Chief, Managed Care Operations

Natalie Kotkin, Senior Advisor

Dr. Shin-Yi Lin, Deputy Director of Policy

Agenda Topic	Speaker
Welcome, Call to Order, and Introductions	Dr. Deborah Spitalnik
Program Integrity: NJ Medicaid Fraud Division	Amanda Shiber Melanie Donnelly
Federal Updates - County Option - Provider Revalidation	Gregory Woods Lynda Grajeda
Enrollment and Eligibility Updates	Gregory Woods
H.R. 1 Updates - Changes to Non-Citizen Eligibility - Interim Final Rule (IFR) - Member Outreach and Communications	Gregory Woods Natalie Kotkin Kristine Byrnes
Managed Care Organization (MCO) Contract Changes	Lynda Grajeda
Doula Benefit Update	Shin-Yi Lin
NJ 1115 Demonstration Renewal: Upcoming Renewal	Shin-Yi Lin
Planning for the Next Meeting on October 29, 2026	Dr. Deborah Spitalnik
NJ 1115 Comprehensive Demonstration Annual Post-Award Forum	Shin-Yi Lin

2026 MAAC Meetings:

January 15 | April 22 | July 22 | October 29

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