

MEDI-CAL CHILDREN'S HEALTH ADVISORY PANEL (MCHAP) MEETING

Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024
Time: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Meeting Location: 1500 Capitol Avenue, Building 172
Sacramento, CA 95814
Room 168
Webinar Link: [Register as an attendee](#)

10:00 – 10:10

Welcome, Opening Comments, Roll Call, and Agenda

Mike Weiss, M.D., Chair

- a. Review: The legislative intent of AB 357 (Chapter 376, Statutes of 2014), as subsequently amended, states that the health and well-being of California's children should be among the state's top priorities, and it is imperative that every child in California have meaningful health coverage that includes benefits to support healthy growth and development. Children's health coverage should encompass more than just the treatment of diseases and illnesses; it should also cover services and care to promote healthy development and well-being, identify and address problems early on, and prevent chronic disease. Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14005.271 states that the Medi-Cal Children's Health Advisory Panel shall be an independent, statewide advisory board that shall advise the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) on matters relevant to all children enrolled in Medi-Cal and their families, including, but not limited to, emerging trends in the care of children, quality measurements, communications between DHCS and Medi-Cal families, provider network issues, and Medi-Cal enrollment issues.
- b. Member Roll Call



c. Review and Approval of May 1, 2024, Meeting Minutes

10:10 – 10:40

Director’s Update

Michelle Baass, Director

- a. Swearing in of Panel Members
- b. DHCS Updates

10:40 – 10:50

Election of 2025 Chairperson

Michelle Baass, Director

10:50 – 11:30

Behavioral Health Transformation Update

Aaron Toyama, Senior Advisor, Health Care Programs

11:30 – 12:30

A Retrospective on Medi-Cal’s Strategy to Support Health and Opportunity for Children and Families

Pamela Riley, Assistant Deputy Director & Chief Health Equity Officer, Quality and Population Health Management

12:30 – 1:00

Break

1:00 – 1:45

Medi-Cal Dental Updates

René Mollow, Deputy Director, Health Care Benefits and Eligibility

1:45 – 1:55

Public Comment

1:55 – 2:00

Final Comments and Adjourn

2025 Meeting Dates

» March 13, 2025



- » June 19, 2025
- » September 11, 2025
- » November 6, 2025

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