

MINUTES
Approved by the Committee
Medicaid Review Panel
Thursday, March 26, 2026
8:00 A.M.
Room WW54
Boise, Idaho

Members in attendance: Cochairs Representative Vander Woude and Senator VanOrden; Representatives Redman, Wheeler, and Rubel. Absent and excused: Representative Tanner (D14) and Senators Harris, Bjerke, Cook, Wintrow, and Adams. Legislative Services Office (LSO) staff: Alex Williamson, Alex Penny, and Jennifer Kish.

Others in attendance (signed in): (none)

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Opening Remarks / Approval of Minutes

Cochair Vander Woude called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.; a silent roll call was taken. Cochair Vander Woude noted that the meeting was of an informational focus, since a quorum was not in place. As such, no action was taken on the minutes listed on the agenda.

Department of Health and Welfare Updates and Managed Care Program Design Considerations

Sasha O'Connell, Deputy Director and Medicaid Administrator for the Department of Health and Welfare (DHW), provided a [presentation](#) that identified effects on the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) and managed care program transfer timeline due to renewed litigation on the award of the contract. She also discussed the newly proposed work groups to focus on the program pillars.

- Rep. Redman inquired about the implementation of the MMIS if the lawsuit did not go in the department's favor. Ms. O'Connell responded that the department would possibly need to start from the beginning, which would probably add an additional year to the timeline.
- The cochairs requested that panel members send requests about preferred work group (slide 6) by April 3rd; noting that the membership would need to be balanced. The cochairs indicated that the work groups would not be official meetings and would be held virtually.

Cochair Vander Woude invited **Jennifer Strohecker**, contracted to assist the panel with the managed care contract, to introduce herself. Ms. Strohecker provided comments about her experience and an overview of her anticipated duties for the panel in working with the Department of Health and Welfare.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.