



MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2025

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

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

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

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

Gregory Woods, Assistant Commissioner
Kristine Byrnes, Assistant Division Director
Dr. Tom Lind, Medical Director

Natalie Kotkin, Senior Advisor
Jonathan Tew, Policy Director

Presenter from the NJ Division Family Development: Larry Braasch, Deputy Director

Agenda Topic	Speaker
Welcome and Call to Order	Dr. Deborah Spitalnik
Update on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefits	Larry Braasch
Medicaid Advisory Committee & Beneficiary Advisory Council Updates	Gregory Woods
Eligibility and Enrollment Updates	Kristine Byrnes
Federal Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">Community Engagement RequirementsOther H.R. 1 Topics	Gregory Woods, Natalie Kotkin and Jonathan Tew
COVID Vaccine Policy Update	Gregory Woods
NJ FamilyCare Dental Performance	Dr. Tom Lind
1115 Comprehensive Demonstration <ul style="list-style-type: none">Community Health Worker PilotMedically Indicated Meals PilotHousing Support ServicesBehavioral Health Integration	Jonathan Tew
Planning for the Next Meeting on January 15, 2026	Dr. Deborah Spitalnik

2026 MAAC Meetings:

January 15 | April 22 | July 22 | October 29

All MAAC meetings start at 10 AM.

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