Health Insurance Marketplace Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

When: Friday, June 26, 2026 – 9:35 to 10:55 a.m.
Where: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Committee members: Marin Arreola, Ron Gallinat, Paul Harmon, TK Keen, Clare Pierce-Wrobel, Om Sukheenai, Nashoba Temperly (interim chair), Matthew Woodbridge, Alena Zbirun

Members not present: Stacy Carmichael, Charlie Fisher, Kathleen Orrick

Other presenters and partners: Caleb Lavan

Marketplace staff: Katie Button, Chiqui Flowers (director), Victor Garcia, Dawn Shaw

Agenda item and time stamp*	Discussion

Welcome, roll call, guidelines, approval of minutes	Roll call of Health Insurance Marketplace Advisory Committee (HIMAC) members, review of meeting guidelines, and approval of the April 16 meeting minutes. (See the handout packet page 1 for a copy of the agenda, pages 2-9 for April minutes, and page 25 for meeting protocols.)
	• Approved April 16, 2026, minutes.
	  ○ First motion to approve – Ron Gallinat
	  ○ Second motion to approve – Om Sukheenai
	  ○ Ayes – Ron Gallinat, TK Keen, Matthew Woodbridge, Clare Pierce-Wrobel, Om Sukheenai, Nashoba Temperly, Alena Zbirun
	  ○ Nays – none
	  ○ Absent – Marin Arreola, Stacy Carmichael, Charlie Fisher, Paul Harmon, Kathleen Orrick

Overview of the Marketplace Assessment & Upcoming Changes 24:26	Presenter: Chiqui Flowers, Marketplace Director (See pages 26-27 of the handout packet for a copy of the slides.) • No additional questions or comments
Proposed 2027 Marketplace assessment analysis 31:57	Presenter: Caleb Lavan, Senior Manager, Myers & Stauffer (See pages 27-31 of the handout packet for a copy of the memo and slides.) • Alena had some questions about the sensitivity of forecast model on slide 32. Caleb responded that they look at how revenue would be raised under different forecast scenarios. • Alena asked for clarification if the $6.85 rate for 2026 was for state and federal and Caleb replied that it was just the state rate. This year, the state takes responsibility for all duties, which is why the rate will be increasing to $35.60. • Matthew wondered if we keep seeing decreases in enrollment and if the assessment is not enough to cover expenditures, if that will create a deficit

	cycle or will we adjust the forecast in the next year. Chiqui explained that we have three measures for checks and balances to make sure that we have healthy budget: monthly expense checks, the annual assessment process, and generating savings whenever possible.

Next steps & voting
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	Presenter: Victor Garcia, Marketplace Operations Advisor and Program Liaison
	(See page 31 of the handout packet for a copy of the slides.)
	• Alena had a question about Victor mentioning the possibility of spreading out the cost of the Assessment. Victor explained that instead of adding to the Assessment for 2026 to help pay for the SBM (State based Marketplace), we decided to defray the cost over the next few years in order to curb early costs.
	• Alena wondered if there was a way to adjust the Assessment mid-year if the enrollment was not as high as expected. Chiqui clarified that the Assessment is a part of the premiums and they are approved annually and cannot be changed mid-year.
	• Matthew asked if the Assessment rate applied to off exchange premiums. Victor informed us that yes, it applies to on and off exchange plans.
	• Om was curious if there were going to be any new insurance carriers this new plan year. Chiqui verified that we will have 4 medical carriers and 5 dental carriers. Katie informed that we have one new dental carrier, Humana, entering the market in 2027.
	• Feedback on the assessment rate:
	  ○ First motion in support – Ron Gallinat
	  ○ Second motion in support – Marin Arreola
	  ○ Ayes– Marin Arreola, Paul Harmon, Ron Gallinat, Matthew Woodbridge, Nashoba Temperly
	  ○ Nays – Om Sukheenai
	  ○ Abstain – Clare Pierce-Wrobel, TK Keen, Alena Zbirun
	  ○ Absent – Stacy Carmichael, Charlie Fisher, Kathleen Orrick
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Public comment, wrap up & closing 1:20:16	• Our next meeting will be a hybrid meeting on July 16, 2026.

*These minutes include timestamps from the meeting recording in an hour: minutes: second format. Meeting materials and recording are found on the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace Advisory Committee website under 2026 Meetings, June 26.