Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace

Tina Kotek, Governor



Health Insurance Marketplace Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

When: Friday, June 20, 2025 – 1 to 2:25 p.m.

Where: Virtual via Zoom

Committee members present:

Gladys Boutwell, Stacy Carmichael, Ron Gallinat, Paul Harmon, Kathleen Orrick, Clare Pierce-Wrobel, Nashoba Temperly (vice chair), Lindsey Hopper (chair, starting at 2 p.m.)

Members not present: Charlie Fisher, Shannon Lee, Om Sukheenai, Joann ZumBrunnen

Other presenters: Caleb Lavan

Marketplace staff: Chiqui Flowers, director; Victor Garcia, operations development specialist; Dawn Shaw,

office support coordinator

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 4/17/25 meeting minutes. (See the handout packet page 1 for a copy of the agenda, pages 2-7 for the April minutes, and page 22 for meeting protocols.) • Approved April 17 minutes. ○ First motion to approve – Ron Gallinat ○ Second motion to approve – Kathleen Orrick ○ Ayes – Gladys Boutwell, Stacy Carmichael, Ron Gallinat, Paul Harmon, Kathleen Orrick, Nashoba Temperly. Clare Pierce-Wrobel approved via email after the meeting. ○ Nays – none
Marketplace Assessment Overview 8:54	Victor Garcia reviewed the purpose of the setting of the Marketplace Assessment rate. (See page 23 of the handout packet for a copy of the slide deck)
Proposed 2026 Marketplace Assessment Analysis	 Presenter: Caleb Lavan, Senior Manager, CBIZ Optumas (See pages 8-21 of the handout packet for the 2026 Marketplace Assessment Memo and pages 23-26 for a copy of the slide deck) Stacy asked for clarification on if the 5% of total average premium change and the 2% federal tech charges combined to 7%. Caleb clarified that they are two separate percentages and not combined.

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Public comment 50:19

Beau Reitz with Providence Health Plan had a question on slide 28, if the total revenue fund balance is with the current rate and what the rate would be with the proposed change. Caleb responded that the fund balance is assuming that we make the rate changes.

Next steps and voting 52:11

Victor Garcia reviewed the next steps of the Assessment Rate Rule process. (See page 27 of the handout packet for a copy of the slide deck)

- Since this is the first time we requested for an increase, there are additional steps for us to perform such as presenting to the Oregon legislature and potentially getting approval from Department of Administrative Services.
- We will be providing an equity statement that we anticipate a minimal fiscal impact to Oregonians with the increase of the assessment rate.
- Stacy wondered about what the expenditures are and why they are increasing.
 Chiqui responded that the expenditures are mostly increased administrative costs and initial SBM expenses as outlined in the Governor's Requested Budget submitted to the legislature for approval. SBM expenses include additional positions and outreach.
- Stacy was curious about the timing of the assessment rate increase and the plan
 rate filing and timing. This year is later in the year due to several factors, such as
 the program integrity rule and Congress' possible consideration of the extension
 of the enhanced premium tax credits, and initially did not anticipate increasing the
 rate until 2027. Chiqui agreed that this was a very unusual and challenging year
 trying to sync up the timelines and taking into consideration CMS' (Centers for
 Medicare & Medicaid Services) requirements.
- Vote
 - First motion to approve Ron Gallinat
 - Second motion to approve Paul Harmon
 - Ayes Gladys Boutwell, Stacy Carmichael, Ron Gallinat, Paul Harmon, Clare Pierce-Wrobel, Nashoba Temperly
 - Abstain Lindsey Hopper
 - No vote Kathleen Orrick
- With Kathleen needing to drop off early and Lindsey able to join, quorum was retained to continue business. There were not enough votes to officially pass the motion at the end of the meeting.

Wrap up and closing

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- Next full meeting will be July 17, 2025.
 - We have a packed agenda with the CMS program integrity rule that just dropped and we have invited DFR to talk about network adequacy
- Meetings will be in Zoom from now on and expect calendar invite changes removing Teams information.

^{*}These minutes include timestamps from the meeting recording in an hour: minutes: seconds format. Meeting materials and recording are found on the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace Advisory Committee website under 2025 Meetings, June 20 & 26 - Assessment Rate Rulemaking meetings.