

***Policy & Operations Committee Minutes***  
***June 23, 2025***  
***3:00 PM – 5:00 PM***

**Board Members Present:** Mara Baer, Adam Fox, and Rob Ruiz-Moss

**Staff Present:** Justin Brandon, Brian Braun, Kelly Davies, Kelly Guthner, Brian Lidiak, Dr. Renata Robinson, and Nina Schwartz

**I. Welcome & Introductions**

Adam Fox called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m., welcoming everyone in attendance. The April meeting minutes were approved.

**II. DOI Update**

Staff at the Division of Insurance (DOI) reported two regulatory updates: an emergency regulation implementing a state premium subsidy for plan year (PY) 2026 to replace expiring federal enhanced subsidies, and upcoming changes to prior authorization requirements from House Bill (HB)1149 taking effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. The emergency regulation is expected to be released within 24 hours to meet the June 30<sup>th</sup> rate filing deadline, with a permanent regulation to follow.

**III. HCPF Update**

Staff at the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) provided an update on federal Medicaid developments, particularly focusing on the Reconciliation Bill and its impact on Medicaid financing. The Senate version includes a phase-down of the hospital provider fee, which would affect not only the ACA expansion, but also other populations funded by the fee, such as working individuals with disabilities and their families.

**IV. Legislative Updates**

The Senate version of the Budget Reconciliation Bill is evolving and being reviewed for provisions, with the Senate conducting a vote without a committee process. The finalization of the marketplace integrity rule and its similarities to provisions in the House Budget Reconciliation Bill was discussed, noting that both the rule and the bill contain overlapping provisions, such as shortened open enrollment period and their impacts will need to be analyzed further.

**V. Monthly Operations Update**

Staff presented an operations performance recap for May, noting normalized service levels and preparation for upcoming training and staffing needs.

**VI. Public Comment**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Fox  
Committee Chair