



Children's Health Insurance Program  
Advisory Committee of Virginia

## **CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**

October 17, 2025

10:00am

*A quorum of the CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee attended this in-person meeting. The meeting link was posted on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall website to allow the public to attend virtually.*

### **The following CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee members attended:**

- Freddy Mejia, The Commonwealth Institute **Chair**
- Emily Moore, Voices for Virginia's Children **Vice Chair**
- Irma Blackwell, Virginia Department of Social Services

### **The following CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee members did not attend:**

- Kelly Cannon, Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association
- Dr. Susan Brown, Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

### **The following DMAS staff were present:**

- Emily Roller, Senior Management Analyst; Policy Division

#### **I. Welcome – Freddy Mejia, CHIPAC Chair**

Freddy Mejia, CHIPAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01am. Mejia announced that while two members of the Executive Subcommittee were unable to attend due to last-minute schedule changes, a quorum was present and business could continue. Mejia welcomed members of the public.

#### **II. CHIPAC Business**

**a. Review and approval of minutes from previous meeting.** Members reviewed the minutes from the July 18 Executive Subcommittee meeting. Emily Moore introduced a motion to approve the minutes, which Mejia seconded. The subcommittee approved minutes unanimously.

**b. Membership Update.** Ben Barber from Virginia Health Catalyst, a relatively new CHIPAC member, has left Catalyst for a new position and will no longer be able to serve on CHIPAC. Catalyst has historically brought needed dental expertise to the Committee, and Mejia encouraged Executive Subcommittee members to consider potential new Full Committee members with that expertise and reach out to him with ideas. Moore recommended seeking a potential member from the Virginia Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Mejia also suggested connecting with other CHIPAC

members to garner suggestions.

- c. **“Who is CHIPAC” Resource.** Mejia brought before the Executive Subcommittee a one-page resource to introduce the CHIPAC, its charge, and current membership to the incoming gubernatorial administration. The goals for such a resource are to celebrate recent developments in Virginia’s CHIP (FAMIS) program, highlight CHIPAC’s advisory role, and emphasize opportunities in children’s health coverage.

**III. Planning for December 11, 2025 Full Committee Meeting (all-virtual).** The proposed agenda will include:

**1) CHIPAC Business**

- a. **Review/approval of minutes from previous Full Committee meeting**
- b. **Membership and leadership updates.** Mejia’s two-year term as Chair began in December 2023. There is a two consecutive term limit. December’s meeting will need to include a vote.
- c. **“Who is CHIPAC” Resource**

**2) Presentations.** Based on discussions in prior full Committee meetings, desired topics for upcoming meetings include relevant updates to eligibility processes following the 2024 Eligibility Study, immunization policy changes (if applicable), availability of local resource navigation/guides, and Virginia’s Title V Needs Assessment and subsequent state plan changes. Additionally, the CHIPAC would be interested in examining points of cohesion with the Beneficiary Advisory Committee (formerly Medicaid Member Advisory Committee), and children’s enrollment and utilization trends following the Medicaid Continuous Coverage Unwinding.

**3) Committee Discussion.**

**4) Post-award Forum for *FAMIS MOMS, FAMIS Select, and Postpartum Extension 1115 Demonstration Waiver.*** Virginia operates FAMIS MOMS, FAMIS Select, and its 12-month postpartum coverage extension under federal 1115 demonstration authority. The U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires that states give opportunity for ongoing public comment via “Post-Award Forum” for 1115 demonstrations. Since CHIPAC meetings already adhere to public meeting requirements and offer opportunity for public comment, DMAS will incorporate this into December meetings (separate from the regular CHIPAC public comment).

**5) Public Comment.**

**IV. Public Comment**

Mejia invited public comment. LeVar Bowers commented “No Comments, Great Meeting!”. The meeting adjourned at 10:35am.