Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission

The **Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission** (**MACPAC**) is an independent, non-partisan legislative branch agency headquartered in [Washington, D.C.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington,_D.C.) MACPAC was established by the [Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Children%27s_Health_Insurance_Program_Reauthorization_Act_of_2009/Title_VI) (CHIPRA) of 2009 and funded through [the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Patient_Protection_and_Affordable_Care_Act) (PPACA) in March 2010. The Commission’s statutory charge requires that the Commission review and advise Congress on federal and state Medicaid and the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) policies on issues involving payment; access; eligibility; enrollment and retention, coverage; quality; and interactions of Medicaid and CHIP with Medicare and other components of the U.S. health care delivery system.

Its primary role is to advise the [U.S. Congress](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Congress), the Secretary of the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Department_of_Health_and_Human_Services), and the states on a wide array of issues affecting Medicaid and CHIP.

MACPAC holds frequent public meetings to discuss Medicaid and CHIP issues and policy questions and to develop its recommendations. At these meetings, Commission staff and external experts present research and policy options for Commissioner discussion. Time for public comment is provided at multiple points during each public meeting. All meetings are held in Washington, DC.

The Commission's 17 members bring diverse expertise in the financing and delivery of health care services. Commissioners are appointed to three-year terms (subject to renewal) by the [Comptroller General of the United States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comptroller_General_of_the_United_States) and serve part-time.

As part of its statutory requirement, MACPAC produces two major reports to the [United States Congress](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Congress) each year that contain recommendations to improve Medicaid and CHIP.[1] In addition to its two annual reports to Congress, MACPAC also compiles [MACStats](https://www.macpac.gov/macstats/), which provides comprehensive data on Medicaid and CHIP. Additionally, MACPAC releases a variety of publications throughout the year. [2]

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| **Type** | independent |
| **Location** | * [Washington, D.C.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington,_D.C.) |
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See Also:

* [MedPAC](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medicare_Payment_Advisory_Commission)
* MACPAC recommendations https://www.macpac.gov/recommendations-of-the-medicaid-and-chip-payment-and-access-commission/

References

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