

# INCOME MAINTENANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IMAC)

Thursday, June 19, 2025

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Zoom: <https://dhswi.zoomgov.com/j/1601074465>

## Minutes

### Invitees

Attendees (X = Attended)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Katie Sepnieski – DHS BEOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tarah Richardson – DHS BEOT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alicia Grulke – DHS BEOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LaTanya Taylor – DHS BEOT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ashley Schabel – DHS BEOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul Michael - DHS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jody Noble – DHS BEOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Autumn Arnold – DHS BEEP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pungnou Her – DHS BEOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brookelynn Slamka – DHS BEEP
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Valerie Hayes -DHS BEOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Valeri Kazakhetsyan – DHS BEEP
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Angela Stanford – DHS BEOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Laurie Teubert – DHS BEEP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alexia Hamilton – DHS BEOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nicole Huffman – DHS BEEP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nick Kwaw – DHS BEOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	True Lor – DHS BEEP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Linsey Donaldson – DHS BEOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Laura Hanson – DHS BEEP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Victoria Conley – DHS BEEP	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rebecca David – DHS BEEP
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bay Lake – Chelsey Groessl	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moraine Lakes – Mia Anderson-Inman
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bay Lake – Becky Hetfield-Salentine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moraine Lakes – Heather Merten
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Capital – Shawn Tessmann	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Northern – Steve Budnik
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Capital – Adam Chorlton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Northern – Jeanine Spuhler
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Central – Nicole Rolain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Southern – Kate Chambers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Central – Amanda Brooks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Southern – Laci Bainbridge
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	East Central – Ann Kriegel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Western – Lorie Graff (co-chair)
<input type="checkbox"/>	East Central – Annett Mooney	<input type="checkbox"/>	Western – Tricia Wavra
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Great Rivers – Kathy Welke (co-chair)	<input type="checkbox"/>	WKRP – Kimm Peters
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Great Rivers – Ronda Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kevin Wetherbee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Krieger – DHS BEEP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tami Berg - OIG
<input type="checkbox"/>	WKRP – Katie Kasprzak	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Ewing – DHS BEOT
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thor Neng - DCF	<input type="checkbox"/>	Crystal L. Malone
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheryl Kawlewski – Portage County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Traci Cahill
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gage Winkelmann – DCF	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nicole Koch - OIG

<input type="checkbox"/>	Barbara Honsa - DCF	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lauren Heitman – DHS Area Admin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kent Ellis - DCF	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shine Baby– DHS BSM
<input type="checkbox"/>	Annie Griggs – DCF	<input type="checkbox"/>	Suzanne Cone – DHS BSM
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jessica Schultze – Jefferson County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Darin Petesch – DHS BSM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Darsell Johns – Ozaukee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Christina Tuenge -Great Rivers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Michael Poma - MilES	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shauna Grossman - DHS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tim McGuire - MilES	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shelli Essmann DHS Area Admin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mac Strawder - MilES	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carol Waulet – Door County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brenda Belanger-Red Cliff	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amber Taylor – Adams County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wendy Corbine - Bad River	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kris Weden – Marathon County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Renee Lyman – Dodge County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Raelle Allen - Lac du Flambeau Tribe
<input type="checkbox"/>	Carol Sjoblom – Columbia County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maria Delagado – Southern
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rebecca Luebke – Area Admin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Roxann Binkowski – Waushara County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Heidrun Kovach – Dane County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	April Ferstl – DCF
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mitch Birkey – Calumet County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deb Bohlman – Fond du Lac County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kesha Cole – Ozaukee County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amy Beranek – Dodge County
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Deb Williquette – Manitowoc County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rob Klingforth – Moraine Lakes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ron Redell – Dane County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cortney Hebel – Dane County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kara Ponti – Dane County	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charlie Morgan – WI Legislature
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chris Gokey – Lac Courte Oreilles	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nasbah Hill – Oneida
<input type="checkbox"/>	Linda Sallerud – Forest County Potawatomi	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michele Shawano – Sokaogon
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maggie Calhoun – Forest County Potawatomi	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ashley McGeshick – Sokaogon
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wendy Corbine – Bad River	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jaime Jameson –Sokaogon
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gloria Cobb – Lac du Flambeau	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tina Weiterman –Stockbridge Munsee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Raelle Allen - Lac du Flambeau	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dylana Kinewayg –Menominee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Taryn Williams – Lac du Flambeau	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jessica VandeKamp – Oneida
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shannon Drake-Buhr-DHS BEEP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kristin Latus – WKRP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jolyne Wallace – OIG	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jenny Hoffman (co-Chair)

## AGENDA

### Welcome (Katie Sepnieski & Kathy Welke)

- Report attendance by replying to the email from [DHSBEOTAdmin@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:DHSBEOTAdmin@dhs.wisconsin.gov).
- The July 2025 IMAC meeting will be cancelled.

### Approval of May 15, 2025, Meeting Minutes (Katie Sepnieski)

- Motions made to approve the minutes by Ann Kriegel and Chelsey Groessel, then approved by consensus.

### FoodShare

#### *Fiscal Responsibility Act Final Rule (FRA) Phase 1 Update*

- At the May 2025 IMAC meeting, the Department announced policy changes related to the FoodShare Work Requirement and exemptions that will be implemented under the Fiscal Responsibility Act Final Rule.
- Phase 1 implementation date will change from July 1, 2025, to August 1, 2025, to ensure sufficient time for finalizing our policy guidance and other implementation tasks.

#### *Six-month Review Form (SMRF) Break in Service*

- Beginning the week of June 23, 2025, FoodShare households must submit SMRFs and all required verification by the end of the month the SMRF was due in, or participants will have a time when FoodShare benefits are not received.
- More information will be available on the website soon.

#### *Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT)*

- On June 7, 2025, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) issued more than \$51,949,000.00 in Summer EBT benefits to 239,064 families throughout Wisconsin. The benefits sent out so far will help almost 433,000 children.
- Families received \$120 for each eligible child. This is a one-time payment for each child and is equal to \$40 per summer month for each eligible child. The amount was determined by the United States Department of Agriculture.
- The Summer EBT program helps families buy food for children when school is out. To be eligible for summer EBT benefits, a child must have met one of the following requirements at any point during the 2024-2025 School Year:
  - Approved to receive free or reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).
  - School-aged children, and the household is part of FoodShare, Wisconsin Works (W-2), the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or certain income-based Medicaid programs; or were known to be a migrant, in foster care, or experiencing homelessness.
  - Over the summer, the Department will continue to send Summer EBT benefits to any eligible children who were not identified in time for the June 7, 2025, issuance. Benefits will be sent to these children in a “catch-up” issuance. These issuances will happen throughout the summer until the end of September 2025. Eligible children will only be sent benefits once.
- Children of families that did not receive benefits in the initial issuance may still be able to get benefits.

- Some families with children who met the requirements to automatically receive Summer EBT, but did not get benefits, may need to update their contact information. These families should use the Benefit Management Tool to provide their most current information.
- Families of school-aged children who did not get benefits.
  - Children that are school-aged but did not yet get summer EBT benefits may be eligible if their families apply for one of the qualifying benefit programs during this summer. These programs include:
    - FoodShare
    - Wisconsin Works (W-2)
    - The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
    - Certain income-based Medicaid program (See Medicaid in Wisconsin: A-Z, P-02383)
- If a family is approved for one of these programs by August 28, 2025, then the child may qualify for Summer EBT. Children who did not attend a school participating in the NSLP during the 2024-2025 school year must be school-aged. For further information on what is considered school-aged, refer to the is available on the DHS Summer EBT webpage. [Summer EBT | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)
- If a child qualifies by the deadline, DHS will issue the benefits as soon as possible once the information is received. To learn more about applying for one of the programs, families can call 211, visit the ACCESS website, or can contact their local income maintenance or Tribal agency.
- Families of children in NSLP schools can also apply directly for Summer EBT through our online application. Families must complete an application by August 28, 2025. <https://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/programs/SummerEBT>.

## **Healthcare**

### *Health Care Policy Operations Memos*

- Spousal Impoverishment Mass Change
  - The annual spousal impoverishment mass change occurred the first Saturday of June.
  - An operations memo was published June 6, 2025, with the 2025 amounts for the spousal impoverishment community spouse income allowance minimum allocation, the spousal impoverishment dependent family member income allowance standard, and the shelter base amount.
  - These amounts increased effective July 1, 2025.
  - The new limits were in CARES on June 7, 2025.
  - CARES eligibility redeterminations for July benefits occurred on June 7, as part of the mass change.

#### ***SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT COMMUNITY SPOUSE INCOME ALLOWANCE***

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount Effective from July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025</b>	<b>New Amount Effective July 1, 2025</b>
Minimum allocation	\$3,406.66	\$3,525.00
Shelter base amount	\$1,022.00	\$1,057.50

#### ***SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT FAMILY MEMBER INCOME ALLOWANCE***

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount Effective from July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025</b>	<b>New Amount Effective July 1, 2025</b>
Dependent family member income allowance standard	\$2,555.00	\$2,643.75

- For the June 2025 CARES release, two health care operations memos were published June 6, 2025:
  - Updates to 12-Month Continuous Health Care Coverage for Children
    - Continuous coverage may end when their eligibility determination was made based on incorrect information or agency error and
    - A new 12-month continuous coverage period will be established when a child transitions from a CHIP-funded category of BadgerCare to Medicaid.
  - Medicaid Redetermination Compliance
    - Changes to ensure Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus members' coverage is maintained while the agency is redetermining their eligibility at renewal or due to a change in circumstances.
    - This includes maintaining coverage when
      - a renewal is received after adverse action through the end of the renewal month
      - while considering other bases of eligibility during a change
- The Department is planning to issue an operations memo in the next month regarding retirement and annuities.
  - The memo will announce changes related to:
    - The treatment of individual retirement annuities owned by an ineligible spouse, and
    - The treatment of irrevocable annuities purchased on or after March 1, 2004, that are paying out.
  - Effective July 1, 2025, IRA annuities owned by an ineligible spouse will be exempt if the individual that funded the IRA annuity and the annuitant are the same individual. If the person who funded the IRA annuity is not listed as the annuitant, the IRA annuity is a non-exempt asset for the ineligible spouse.
    - For long-term care cases, exempt IRA annuities owned by an ineligible community spouse are not counted for the asset assessment or the eligibility determination but are still subject to LTC annuity disclosure and remainder beneficiary designation requirements. These are not considered in divestment determinations for the LTC spouse if the long-term care remainder beneficiary designation requirements are met.
  - Effective for applications filed on or after July 1, 2025, irrevocable annuities currently paying out will be counted as income to the annuitant rather than available assets for Medicaid, regardless of when the annuity was purchased. It will no longer be a requirement for IM to determine whether an irrevocable annuity currently paying out can be sold on the secondary market to determine whether it is treated as an asset or income.

#### **Subcommittee Updates (Income Maintenance Agency Subcommittee Co-Chairs)**

- Income Maintenance Operational Analysis (IMOA) subcommittee met June 6, 2025. Kathy Welke shared key discussion points (see attachment). Next meeting is July 18, 2025.
- Call Center Technical subcommittee met on May 12 and June 9, 2025. Cindy Drury shared key discussion points (see attachment). The next meeting is June 30, 2025.
- Performance Monitoring subcommittee met on May 21, 2025. Nicole Rolain shared key discussion points (see attachment). Next meeting is July 16, 2025.
- The Fraud and Program Integrity subcommittee met on May 13, 2025. Robert Klingforth shared key discussion points (see attachment). Next meeting is August 12, 2025.

**Income Maintenance (IM) Funding and Contract Updates (Alicia Grulke & Kathy Welke)**

- 2026 IM Contract negotiations will begin mid-June 2025.

**Consortia Feedback (Kathy Welke)**

- Consortia are requesting the Frequently Asked Questions document for Unclear Rule.

**Administrative Memos (Alicia Grulke & Kathy Welke)**

- Consortia have until June 30, 2025, to review the Estate Recovery Administrative Memo allocations for April 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024, and July 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024.

**Regional Enrollment Network (Lorie Graff)**

- The Regional Enrollment Network was held on June 10, 2025.
- The 2025 Wisconsin Enrollment Conference will be held virtually September 8-10, 2025 8am-12pm.
- Next meeting is August 12, 2025.

**Public Comment**

- None

**Announcements**

- For upcoming meetings in 2025, send agenda items to the WHCSA Tri Chairs or Bureau of Eligibility Operations and Training operations associate at [DHSBEOTAdmin@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:DHSBEOTAdmin@dhs.wisconsin.gov).