

**MARYLAND PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY STAKEHOLDER COUNCIL
VIRTUAL MEETING**

August 24, 2026

Minutes

Agenda Item 1

Call to Order:

Co-Chair Lorriane Diana called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM.

(Roll Call) Stakeholder Council Members Present:

Felicia Brannon, Shawn Brown, Allison Ciborowski, Lorraine Diana, Robert Embry, Dr. John Gambrell, Dr. Sherita Golden, Jim Gutman, Erica Miller, Eric Morse, Marc Nicole, Shaun O'Brien, Amy Prentice, Kimberly Robinson, Glenn Schneider, Dr. Danita Tolson

Agenda Item 2

June 22, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Co-Chair Diana asked for a motion to approve the June 22, 2026 meeting minutes. Shaun O'Brien made the motion and was seconded by Danita Tolson.

Agenda Item 3

Opportunity for Public Comment

The PDASC did not receive any written comments and there were no requests for oral public comment.

Agenda Item 4

Steve Ports Consulting Presentation: Net Savings Estimates of Applying Upper Payment Limits (UPLs) at Medicare Maximum Fair Price (MFP) on Ozempic and Jardiance Purchases in the Commercial Market in Maryland, Steve Ports

Steve Ports from Steve Ports Consulting delivered a presentation about estimating the savings from implementing UPLs on Jardiance and Ozempic in Maryland. Mr. Ports's research compared publicly available Maryland claims data against peer-reviewed studies that reconciled the savings estimates and rebate estimates for Medicare to estimate cumulative net savings to the state. Mr. Ports also reviewed the limitations of the data and estimates.

The PDASC has the opportunity to provide comments and ask questions. Comments on the presentation included a request for explanation of the definition of Medicare Maximum Fair Price (MFP), and a clarification that the price estimates would reflect policies that were in effect in 2023.

There was a discussion of how Maryland's system compares to other similar UPL system analyses, New York's high estimates for UPL savings, the status of Colorado, New York, and Massachusetts UPL regulations, and existing frameworks that the Board can consider while drafting UPL regulations. This presentation is posted on the stakeholder page of the website.

Agenda Item 5

Staff presentation: UPL Implementation- Monitoring for Access and Affordability

Co-Chair Diana explained that the PDAB is seeking feedback on how to best monitor the impact of UPLs, and other policy actions, in key areas. This includes: prescription drug affordability and access to hospital services; and the ability of hospitals to obtain drugs from manufacturers and suppliers at costs consistent with policy actions; and key considerations for the PDAB to address when implementing UPLs.

Dr. Andrew York requested PDASC input about how to monitor access and affordability under UPL implementation and non-UPL policy implementation, specifically how to monitor key areas like hospital services and hospital drug supply. Questions for the Stakeholder Council address PDAB's legislative mandates; information gathered by staff; public comments on meetings and regulations; the Board is looking at other policies and wants to monitor for unintended impacts and verify the intended impacts.

Staff reviewed the following four themes; patient access; pharmacy, hospital, and provider access; data for monitoring, and monitoring for unintended consequences. The PDASC had the opportunity to weigh in on questions relating to each theme. The PDASC provided relevant feedback which included more robust monitoring of patient affordability, monitoring hospitals' ability to maintain consistent treatment and potential impact of the 340B program, members suggested establishing a formal feedback process for supply chain stakeholders, and monitoring external legal events.

This presentation is posted on the stakeholder council page of the website.

Agenda Item 6

Administrative Update

- The representative of the Rare Disease Community was appointed by Speaker Pena-Melnyk, Felicia Brannon. Felicia Brannon provided a short introduction.
- Staff is still currently working to fill PDASC vacancies.
- The PDAB has a new website that launched in mid-August.
- Staff is still continuing to work through the last three cost review studies. Please be sure to check the website and join the listserv for updates.
- Lastly, the Maryland Health Care for All is hosting Statewide forums to educate constituents about the work of the PDAB and hear from the citizens of Maryland. The

first forum will be on September 9, 2026 in Baltimore. Please visit their website for more information.

Agenda Item 8

Co-Chair's Update

- Staff is still continuing to host a PDASC meeting on October 26, 2026. There may be some meeting shifts in 2027 now that we have new leadership. Staff will continue to work with the Co-Chairs if there are any changes to the meeting schedule.

Agenda Item 9

Adjournment

Co-Chair Nicole thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shaun O'Brien made the motion which was seconded by Dr. John Gambrill.

Adjourned at 3:21 PM