

**Medicaid Managed Care Advisory Review Panel (MMCARP)**

**Current Membership and Vacancies for Web Posting**

*Effective February 9, 2026*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointing Authority</b>	<b>Seat Category (as applicable)</b>	<b>County of Residence</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
Frederick B. Cohen, JD, Chair	Governor		Erie	November 15, 2002
Elisabeth R. Benjamin, MSPH, JD, Vice Chair	Speaker of the Assembly	Member of Joint Advisory Panel *	Manhattan	May 14, 1997
Kathryn D. Haslanger	Speaker of the Assembly		Kings	September 29, 1997
Sheila H. Nelson	Temporary President of the Senate		Albany	October 20, 2016
Amber Decker	Temporary President of the Senate	Consumer representative for individuals with behavioral health needs	Kings	September 16, 2020
Jay B. Silverman	Temporary President of the Senate	Representative of entities that provide or arrange for the provision of services to individuals who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid	Nassau	August 11, 2011
Jane Velazquez	Temporary President of the Senate		Westchester	October 10, 2023
Frederic J. Riccardi	Governor	Consumer representative for individuals that are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid.	Columbia	June 1, 2021
Colleen C. Rose	Minority Leader of the Assembly		Monroe	March 18, 2025
Pamela S. Mattel	Governor	Representative of entities that provide or arrange for provision of services to individuals with behavioral health needs.	Nassau	February 9, 2026
<b>Vacant</b>	Governor			
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<b>Vacant</b>	Speaker of the Assembly			
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<b>Vacant</b>	Minority Leader of the Senate			

The MMCARP must meet certain criteria through its membership:

- 3 must be members of the joint advisory panel established by N.Y. Mental Hygiene Law § 13.40 (“Joint Advisory Panel”) \*
- One consumer representative for individuals with behavioral health needs
- One consumer representative for dual eligible individuals
- One representative of entities that provide or arrange for the provision of services to individuals with behavioral health needs
- One representative of entities that provide or arrange for the provision of services to dual eligible individuals.

\* *The Joint Advisory Panel no longer exists.*