

CLAUDE MANAGED AGENTS CAN CONSULT A SECOND MODEL MID-TURN OPERATIONAL SIGNAL

DOMAIN: CAP - Capability | CONFIDENCE LEVEL: High

INSTITUTIONAL DIMENSIONS: Authority | Attribution | Visibility | Escalation | Continuity

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CAPABILITY SHIFT

Anthropic added advisor support to Claude Managed Agents sessions. A session's primary thread can now consult a secondary model mid-turn for strategic guidance. The advisor is configured in the agent's multiagent roster, naming the model to consult. Anthropic states that the advisor model must be at least as capable as the agent's own model.

ORGANISATIONAL CONSEQUENCE

This introduces another model into the execution path of an agent session. Outputs may therefore reflect guidance that was not part of the user's original prompt or the primary model's initial plan. Teams reviewing agent behaviour may need to account for which advisor was configured and when its guidance influenced the work.

WHAT TO WATCH

- Sessions configured with advisor entries
- Output or result changes after advisor configuration is introduced
- Review processes that assume one model shaped the session

WHY THIS MATTERS NOW

Anthropic announced session advisors on 7 August 2026. Teams using Managed Agents can now add a second model as an in-session source of strategic guidance without redesigning the overall workflow.

WHAT TO REVIEW

- Which agents have advisors configured
- Which models are permitted to act as advisors
- Who can change multiagent roster settings
- Whether records identify the advisor used in a session

GOVERNANCE CONTEXT

Authority within an agent session can now be distributed across more than one model. Governance should account for both the primary agent and any configured advisor when explaining how a result was produced.

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