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MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ENROLLMENT ACTIVITY

As of April 1, 2023, there were **2,307,983 Medicaid beneficiaries, including 813,547 Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) beneficiaries**, enrolled in the nine Michigan Medicaid Health Plans (HMOs). As the table below shows, this is an overall **increase of 18,227** since March 1, 2023. The number of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in HMOs **increased by 8,675** and the number of non-HMP beneficiaries **increased by 9,552**. As the table below illustrates, while **managed care enrollment growth has slowed, it continues to grow and is 89,398 higher in April 2023 than in April 2022**.

The count of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in the nine Michigan Medicaid Health Plans (HMOs) in April 2023 is **37,171** more than in April 2022. The count of non-HMP enrollees has also increased during the same period.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, this increase was attributable to both the economic impact of the pandemic and federally incentivized pause in annual eligibility determinations. Michigan has begun implementing redeterminations again as required by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023. While it is expected that total enrollment will decrease as annual redeterminations are completed, it is not clear by how much.

	Apr 2022	June 2022	Aug 2022	Oct 2022	Dec 2022	Mar 2023	Apr 2023
All Medicaid Beneficiaries Enrolled	2,218,585	2,236,945	2,251,780	2,265,187	2,279,426	2,289,756	2,307,983
• Total HMP Enrollees	776,376	782,396	786,388	791,115	796,373	804,872	813,547
• Total CSHCS/ Medicaid Enrollees	26,775	27,299	27,733	27,628	27,804	28,141	28,640
• Total Medicare/ Medicaid Enrollees (Duals)	47,178	47,229	47,494	47,548	47,402	44,243	43,838
• Total MIChild Enrollees	35,967	35,971	35,961	35,922	36,112	35,956	36,250

The number of beneficiaries identified as mandatory managed care enrollees but not yet enrolled in a Medicaid HMO has varied dramatically over the last few years, from a low of 45,305 in July 2018 to a high of 149,746 in May 2020. **In April 2023 the number of mandatory but not yet enrolled beneficiaries was 50,005 – up** from 49,957 in March 2023.





As the enrollment reports for April ([pdf](#), [xls](#)) reflect, every county in the state is served by at least one Medicaid HMO. Auto-assignment of beneficiaries into the HMOs is available in every county. In addition to the HMOs with smaller service areas, there are three HMOs – McLaren Health Plan, Meridian Health Plan of Michigan, and Molina Healthcare of Michigan – authorized to serve all counties in the Lower Peninsula and a fourth – UnitedHealthcare Community Plan – authorized to serve all but three of the Lower Peninsula counties. Beneficiaries in all 15 counties in the Upper Peninsula are auto-assigned, through federal “Rural Exception” authority, to the one HMO serving these counties, Upper Peninsula Health Plan.

The plans with the highest total enrollment in April 2023 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 24 percent of the total, Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 17 percent, Blue Cross Complete of Michigan with about 16 percent of the total number of enrollees, and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan with about 14 percent.

Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP)

The **total count of HMP enrollees in the Medicaid HMOs in March 2023 was 813,547 an increase of 8,675** over the count for March 2023. All Medicaid HMOs have HMP beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest HMP enrollment in April 2023 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 22 percent of the total, Blue Cross Complete with about 19 percent, and Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 15 percent of the total number of enrollees.

CSHCS/Medicaid

The MDHHS requires children (and a few adults) receiving services from both the Children’s Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) program and the Medicaid program to enroll in Medicaid HMOs. There were **28,640 joint CSHCS/Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in April 2023**, an increase of **499** since March 2023. All Medicaid HMOs have CSHCS/Medicaid enrollees, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in April 2023 were Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 20 percent, Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 18 percent and Blue Cross Complete with about 17 percent of the total number of enrollees.

MiChild

There were **36,250 MiChild beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in April 2023**, an increase of 294 since March 2023. All Medicaid HMOs have MiChild beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary dramatically across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in April were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 25 percent of the total, and Priority and Molina Healthcare of Michigan both with about 15 percent of the total number of enrollees.



Medicare/Medicaid

Aside from Michigan’s Medicare/Medicaid financial alignment demonstration, MI Health Link, there were an additional **43,838 Medicaid beneficiaries dually eligible for Medicare (duals) enrolled in April 2023 in Medicaid HMOs** for their acute care Medicaid benefits. The number of enrolled duals **decreased by 405** between March 2023 and April 2023. All Medicaid HMOs have duals enrolled, although the numbers vary significantly across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in April 2023 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 24 percent of the total, Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 21 percent, and UnitedHealthCare Community Plan with about 19 percent of the total number of enrollees.

MI HEALTH LINK

In previous editions of *The Michigan Update* we have written about Michigan’s implementation of an integrated healthcare delivery system demonstration for adults dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid (duals). The demonstration, called MI Health Link, operates in four regions of the state. The entire Upper Peninsula is one region; eight counties in the southwest corner of the state (Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren) form another region; and Macomb County and Wayne County are two single-county regions. Medicaid and Medicare physical healthcare services (including long-term services and supports) are provided by HMOs that have contracts as Integrated Care Organizations (ICOs) to serve the duals.

The number of MI Health Link enrollees continues to fluctuate, with increases in some months and decreases in others. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) reports that **in April 2023, the MI Health Link enrollment total was 44,033** an increase of **2,714** enrollees since March 2023.

The tables below illustrate MI Health Link enrollment by month from 2021 to the most current data. Enrollment fluctuations are clear. The lowest count on the tables was in January 2021 when there were 39,250 enrollees; November 2022 saw the highest enrollment with 45,188 enrollees.

Jan. 2021	Feb. 2021	March 2021	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021
39,250	39,374	39,150	39,934	39,958	40,015
July 2021	Aug. 2021	Sept. 2021	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2021	Dec. 2021
40,260	40,294	41,941	41,317	41,512	41,250

Jan. 2022	Feb. 2022	March 2022	April 2022	May 2022	June 2022
39,362	38,905	38,588	40,481	40,453	40,350
July 2022	Aug. 2022	Sept. 2022	Oct. 2022	Nov. 2022	Dec. 2022
40,306	42,622	43,113	44,694	45,188	44,573

Jan. 2023	Feb. 2023	March 2023	April 2023
42,501	42,066	41,319	44,033

There are seven ICOs serving one or more of the demonstration regions. The table below provides enrollment information by region for each ICO for **April 2023**

MI Health Link Enrollment	Upper Peninsula Region	SW MI Region	Macomb Region	Wayne Region	Total
Aetna Better Health of MI		3,404	1,624	4,478	9,506
AmeriHealth Michigan			801	2,468	3,269
HAP Empowered Health Plan			1,166	3,591	4,757
Meridian Health Plan of MI		4,992	965	3,087	9,044
Michigan Complete Health, Inc.			1	1	2
Molina Healthcare of MI			2,328	10,312	12,640
Upper Peninsula Health Plan	4,815				4,815
Total	4,815	8,396	6,885	23,937	44,033

The plans with the highest enrollment in April 2023 were Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 29 percent of the total, Aetna Better Health of Michigan with about 22 percent, and Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 21 percent of the total number of enrollees.

During April 2023, about 95 percent of the MI Health Link enrollees were living in a community setting, and the remaining 5 percent of enrollees resided in a facility. About 6 percent of the total enrollees living in a community setting were receiving home and community-based long-term services and supports through the MI Health Link program waiver; however, a significant number of the other enrollees living in a community setting received in-home services and supports from the ICOs through the Medicaid State Plan personal care benefit called Home Help.

Most MI Health Link enrollees are passively enrolled; they are auto assigned to a health plan based on their eligibility but can opt out of the demonstration at any time. Beneficiaries may also voluntarily enroll in the demonstration; and during April 2023, about 25 percent of the demonstration’s participants were voluntarily enrolled.

MDHHS also reports 61,073 duals eligible for participation in the demonstration have chosen to opt out. These individuals receive their Medicaid benefits on a fee-for-service basis but retain the option to voluntarily enroll, or re-enroll, in the demonstration at any time.

More than half of the MI Health Link enrollees are individuals under the age of 65. These younger individuals qualified for Medicare and Medicaid based on a disability.



MICHIGAN MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS

There are multiple types of Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plans (SNPs). Chronic Condition SNPs (C-SNPs) serve Medicare beneficiaries with specific chronic medical conditions. Institutional SNPs (I-SNPs) focus on Medicare beneficiaries residing in institutions. Plans that focus on Medicare beneficiaries dually eligible for Medicaid are called Dual Eligible SNPs (D-SNPs). All three types of plans provide Medicare benefits, and all are available in Michigan.

As of April 2023, there are a total of 119,885 Michigan enrollees in various Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plans (SNPs). This is an increase of 217 over March 2023. Unlike other Medicare Advantage plans, eligible individuals can enroll in a SNP year-round.

Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP)

D-SNPs continue to be the most popular type of SNP in Michigan. As of April 2023, there are 18 D-SNPs in the Michigan market with a total of 118,035 enrollees. While most of these coordination-only D-SNP plans continue to be HMOs, there are three PPO plans offered in the Michigan market this year. Michigan currently does not have fully integrated dual eligible SNPs (FIDEs) or highly integrated dual SNPs (HIDEs).

Not all duals enrolled in Michigan's D-SNPs are eligible to receive full Medicaid benefits. Some enrollees only receive assistance from the Medicaid program with their Medicare cost-sharing and/or monthly premiums.

Several of the Medicaid HMOs in Michigan are federally contracted as D-SNPs and some of their parent organizations are also offering D-SNPs in the state. According to federal reports, Blue Cross Complete and Upper Peninsula Health Plan continue to be the only Medicaid-contracted health plans that do not offer a D-SNP product either directly or through a parent organization.

The plans with the most enrollees are Humana Choice (21,538) and Humana Gold Plus (16,056). New to the Michigan D-SNP market, Zing Health's Dual Complete Plus MI plan has 39 enrollees.





Parent Organization	Plan	Total Enrollees – Mar 23	Total Enrollees – Apr 23
Humana, Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humana Choice (PPO) • Humana Gold Plus (HMO) 	36,860	37,594
UnitedHealth Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UnitedHealthcare Dual Complete Choice (PPO) • UnitedHealthcare Dual Complete (HMO) • UnitedHealthcare Dual Complete Select (HMO) 	32,350	32,910
Centene (formerly Meridian Health Plan of Michigan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellcare Dual Access Open (PPO) • Wellcare Dual Access (HMO) 	14,900	14,093
Molina Healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molina Medicare Complete Care (HMO) • Molina Medicare Complete Care Select (HMO) 	13,953	13,445
Corewell Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority Medicare D-SNP (HMO) • Priority Medicare D-SNP + Kroger (HMO) 	10,635	10,615
CVS Health Corporation	Aetna Medicare Assure Premier (HMO)	7,798	7,683
Henry Ford Health System/Health Alliance Plan	HAP Medicare Complete Duals (HMO)	714	673
McLaren Health Care Corporation	McLaren Medicare Inspire Duals (HMO)	329	348
Commonwealth Care Alliance	CCA Medicare Maximum (HMO)	321	326
Centene Corporation	Ascension Complete Michigan D-SNP (HMO)	308	309
Zing Health	Zing Dual Complete Plus MI (HMO)	44	39
	Total	118,412	118,035

Chronic Condition Special Needs Plan (C-SNP)

There are eight C-SNP plans in the Michigan market, but only three health plans have enrollees as of April 2023. This year, there has been a decrease in C-SNP enrollees compared to last year. There was a total of 1,054 C-SNP enrollees in February 2022, compared to 825 enrollees in March 2023.

Erickson Advantage Champion has the highest number of enrollees (609), but their enrollment is distributed across an 11-state service area where Erickson Senior Living facilities are located that includes Oakland County. Centene (formerly Meridian Health Plan of Michigan) did not offer a C-SNP in the Michigan market this year. Honest HMO of Michigan is a new contract offering four C-SNPs for beneficiaries with diabetes, cardiovascular disorders, chronic heart failure, and End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD). As of February, these plans did not have any enrollees.





Parent Organization	Health Plan	Specialty Diseases	Total Enrollees – Mar 23	Total Enrollees - Apr 2023
UnitedHealth Group	Erickson Advantage Champion (HMO – POS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiovascular disorders • Chronic heart failure • Diabetes 	598	577
Zing Health	Zing Essential Wellness Diabetes and Heart MI (HMO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiovascular disorders • Chronic heart failure • Diabetes 	124	142
Innovative Long Term Care Management, Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Align Connect (HMO) • Align Kidney Care (HMO) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dementia • End Stage Renal Disease 	54	54
		Total	776	773

Institutional Special Needs Plan (I-SNP)

There are three I-SNPs in Michigan with a total of 1,077 enrollees as of April 2023. This is a decrease of 126 since March 2023. Longevity Health Plan has the most enrollees (522) compared to Align Thrive (421) and Erickson Advantage Guardian (134).

Parent Organization	Plan	Total Enrollees – Mar 23	Total Enrollees – Apr 23
Longevity Health Founders, LLC	Longevity Health Plan (HMO)	641	522
Innovative Long Term Care Management, Inc.	Align Thrive (HMO)	437	421
UnitedHealth Group	Erickson Advantage Guardian (HMO – POS)	123	134
	Total	1,203	1,077

HEALTHY MICHIGAN PLAN ENROLLMENT

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) reports enrollment counts for the Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP), its Medicaid expansion program for low-income non-elderly adults who do not meet eligibility criteria for traditional program coverage, at the beginning of each week on its [website](#). The enrollment number includes beneficiaries enrolled in health plans and beneficiaries not required to enroll in a health plan. Enrollment stood at **1,081,725 as of April 25, 2023. This is an increase of 6,377 since March 27, 2023. The enrollment count for April 25, 2023, is the highest ever for the program.**

MEDICAID POLICIES

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued several publications that are available for review on the department’s [website](#).



The [website](#) shows 12 new final policies issued in April.

- [MMP 23-30](#), issued April 20, 2023: Repealing the Suspension of Medicaid Closures
- [MMP 23-28](#), issued April 12, 2023: Termination of Non-Emergency Follow-up Services Per Bulletin MSA 20-40 - COVID-19 Response: Emergency Services Only Beneficiaries and Coverage of Testing and Treatment of COVID-19
- [MMP 23-25](#), issued April 12, 2023: Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Code Updates
- [MMP 23-20](#), issued April 12, 2023: COVID-19 Response: Reversal of Temporary COVID-19 Relaxation of Face-to-Face Requirement Policies and Update to Face-to-Face and In Person Definitions
- [MMP 23-17](#), issued April 10, 2023: Maternal Infant Health Program Telehealth
- [MMP 23-27](#), issued April 7, 2023: End of the Federal Public Health Emergency and Unwinding of COVID-19 Response Policies
- [MMP 23-26](#), issued April 7, 2023: Temporary Extension to the Disaster Relief Policies for COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) Specific to Clinic Vaccine Administration Payments
- [MMP 23-24](#), issued April 7, 2023: COVID-19 Response: Continuation of COVID-19 Laboratory Policies
- [MMP 23-23](#), issued April 7, 2023: Reversal of Temporary COVID-19 MI Health Link (MHL) 1915c Waiver Appendix K Policies
- [MMP 23-22](#), issued April 7, 2023: COVID 19 Response: Recission and Continuation of Portions of Bulletin MSA 20-41
- [MMP 23-21](#), issued April 7, 2023: Reversal of Temporary COVID-19 Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Policies
- [MMP 22-53](#), issued April 7, 2023: Rescinding COVID-19 Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Flexibilities

The [website](#) shows 15 proposed policies for which the public comment period is still open.

- [2318-DMEPOS](#): Revisions to High Frequency Chest Wall Oscillating (HFCWO) Device and Accessories
- [2314-Eligibility](#): Plan First Family Planning Group
- [2317-Eligibility](#): Medicaid Asset Policy
- [2243-BH](#): Policy Updates for the Children's Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (CWP)
- [2313-Plan First](#): Plan First Family Planning Program
- [2322-PHE](#): End of the Federal Public Health Emergency and Unwinding of COVID-19 Response Policies
- [2321-Lab](#): COVID-19 Response: Continuation of COVID-19 Laboratory Policies



- [2320-Clinic](#): Temporary Extension to the Disaster Relief Policies for COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) Specific to Clinic Vaccine Administration Payments
- [2316-LTC](#): COVID-19 Response: Recission and Continuation of Portions of Bulletin MSA 20-41
- [2315-CSHCS](#): Reversal of Temporary COVID-19 Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Policies
- [2312-MHL](#): Reversal of Temporary COVID-19 MI Health Link (MHL) 1915c Waiver Appendix K Policies
- [2311-Hospital](#): Rural Emergency Hospital Reimbursement
- [2307-TCM](#): Targeted Case Management Services for Recently Incarcerated Beneficiaries
- [2304-NF](#): Change in Non-Routine Therapy Prior Authorization (PA) Requirements for Medicaid Beneficiaries Residing in a Nursing Facility
- [2309-LTC](#): Provider Enrollment of Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)-Required Personal Care Services Providers

MDHSHS released six L-Letters of potential interest, which are available on their [website](#).

- [L 23-32](#): COVID-19 Response: Michigan-Specific COVID-19 Reporting Requirements for Skilled Nursing Facilities
- [L 23-31](#): COVID-19 Pharmacy Flexibilities
- [L 23-29](#): Termination of Numbered Letter L 20-39 for MI Choice Provider Monitoring
- [L 23-30](#): Submission of a State Plan Amendment (SPA) for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF)
- [L 23-24](#): Notice of Intent to Submit a Disaster Relief State Plan Amendment (DR SPA) Impacting Nursing Facility Interim Rates for January 1, 2023, to May 11, 2023 and a SPA to Provide Traditional State Plan Authority for Previously Approved Changes to Rate Setting Methodologies for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 to Continue the Supplemental Payment for Nursing Facility Direct Care Workers
- [L 23-28](#): Long Term Supports and Services (LTSS) Updates to Numbered Letter L 20-59 and Nursing Facility (NF) Providers Level of Care Determination (LOCD) Door 0 claims process

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