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MDHHS RELEASES BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PIHP RFP

On August 5, 2025, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) [released](#) an RFP seeking proposals from entities to serve as Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs) to manage Medicaid-funded specialty behavioral health services. The state currently contracts with **ten** regional PIHPs to deliver these services to communities across the state **with the intent of consolidating to three**. PIHPs cover approximately 300,000 individuals with serious mental illness, substance use disorders, and developmental disabilities. The competitive procurement is guided by stakeholder feedback and structured around four key goals: providing high quality, timely services; improving choice and consistency across regions; enhancing accountability and transparency; and simplifying the system with reduced bureaucracy. Additional information is available [here](#). Proposals are due September 29, 2025.

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MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ENROLLMENT ACTIVITY

As of August 1, 2025, there were **1,737,436 Medicaid beneficiaries, including 543,684 Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) beneficiaries**, enrolled in the nine Michigan Medicaid Health Plans (HMOs). As the table below shows, this is an overall **decrease of 11,834** since July 1, 2025. The number of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in HMOs **decreased by 5,258** and the number of non-HMP beneficiaries **decreased by 6,576**.

The total number of Medicaid beneficiaries, including Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) beneficiaries enrolled in the nine Michigan Medicaid Plans in August 2025 is 40,190 less than in August 2024. The count of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in the nine Michigan Medicaid Health Plans (HMOs) in August 2025 is 16,157 less than August 2024. The drop in Medicaid enrollment may be from continued impacts of the PHE unwind as well as a stronger state economy, steady job growth, and low unemployment according to University of Michigan economists.





	Aug 2024	Oct 2025	Dec 2024	Feb 2025	Apr 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025
All Medicaid Beneficiaries Enrolled	1,777,626	1,770,654	1,763,148	1,766,574	1,754,662	1,749,270	1,737,436
• Total HMP Enrollees	559,841	557,618	555,626	560,466	556,016	548,942	543,684
• Total CSHCS/ Medicaid Enrollees	27,294	26,517	27,816	28,100	28,532	30,102	29,737
• Total Medicare/ Medicaid Enrollees (Duals)	33,840	30,546	30,555	28,863	28,558	29,704	29,783
• Total MIChild Enrollees	50,674	57,668	60,432	62,340	64,019	63,457	62,789

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 41,894 in June 2023 to a high of 149,746 in May 2020. **In August 2025, the number of mandatory but not yet enrolled beneficiaries was 72,491, which is 13,344 less than July 2025.**

As the enrollment reports for August ([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 is one HMO – McLaren Health Plan – authorized to serve all counties in the Lower Peninsula, and Blue Cross Complete authorized to serve all but two 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 August 2025 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 20 percent of the total (344,120 enrollees), Blue Cross Complete of Michigan with about 17 percent of the total number of enrollees (291,337), Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 16 percent (286,331 enrollees), and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan with 15 percent (256,474 enrollees).

Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP)

The **total number of HMP enrollees in the Medicaid HMOs decreased in August 2025 by 5,258 from July 2025 to 543,684.** All Medicaid HMOs have HMP beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest HMP enrollment in August 2025 were Blue Cross Complete with about 20 percent of the total, Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 18 percent, and Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 14 percent of the total number of enrollees.



CSHCS/Medicaid

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 **29,737 joint CSHCS/Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in August 2025**, a decrease of 365 since July 2025. All Medicaid HMOs have CSHCS/Medicaid enrollees, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in August 2025 were Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 21 percent, Priority Health Choice had about 18 percent of the total number of enrollees, Blue Cross Complete and Meridian Health Plan of Michigan each had about 16 percent.

MiChild

There were **62,789 MiChild beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in August 2025**, a decrease of 668 since July 2025. All Medicaid HMOs have MiChild beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary dramatically across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in August were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 20 percent of the total, Priority Health with about 16 percent, and Molina Healthcare of Michigan 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 **29,783 Medicaid beneficiaries dually eligible for Medicare (duals) enrolled in August 2025 in Medicaid HMOs** for their Medicaid benefits. The number of enrolled duals **increased by 79** between July 2025 and August 2025. All Medicaid HMOs have duals enrolled, although the numbers vary significantly across plans. Molina Healthcare of Michigan, and UnitedHealthCare Community Plan each had about 20 percent of the total number of enrollees, while Meridian Health Plan of Michigan had about 15 percent.

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**



August 2025, the MI Health Link enrollment total was 30,320, a decrease of 612 enrollees since July 2025.

The tables below illustrate MI Health Link enrollment by month from 2023 to the most current data. Enrollment fluctuations are clear. This month, August 2025, had the lowest enrollment over the past 30 months with 30,320 enrollees; May 2023 saw the highest enrollment with 44,216 enrollees.

Jan. 2023	Feb. 2023	March 2023	April 2023	May 2023	June 23
42,501	42,066	41,319	44,033	44,216	43,399
July 2023	Aug. 2022	Sept. 2023	Oct. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2023
42,410	41,434	40,210	38,796	37,645	37,305

Jan. 2024	Feb. 2024	Mar. 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2024	June 2024
37,657	36,491	34,935	36,305	35,239	33,904
July 2024	Aug. 2024	Sept. 2024	Oct. 2024	Nov. 2024	Dec. 2024
33,098	32,553	32,243	31,548	31,383	31,718

Jan. 2025	Feb. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2025	June 2025
30,850	32,006	31,298	32,315	31,925	31,562
July 2025	Aug. 2025				
30,932	30,320				

There are six ICOs serving one or more of the demonstration regions. The table below provides enrollment information by region for each ICO for **August 2025**.

MI Health Link Enrollment	Upper Peninsula Region	SW MI Region	Macomb Region	Wayne Region	Total
Aetna Better Health of MI		2,745	1,279	3,342	7,366
AmeriHealth Michigan			614	1,940	2,554
HAP CareSource			906	2,558	3,464
Meridian Health Plan of MI		2,171	686	1,724	4,581
Molina Healthcare of MI			1,663	6,725	8,388
Upper Peninsula Health Plan	3,967				3,967
Total	3,967	4,916	5,148	16,289	30,320

The plans with the highest enrollment in August 2025 were Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 28 percent of the total, Aetna Better Health of Michigan with about 24 percent, and Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 15 percent of the total number of enrollees.

During August 2025, about 92 percent of the MI Health Link enrollees were living in a community setting, and the remaining 8 percent of enrollees resided in a facility. About 9 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 HCBS program waiver; however, a significant number of the other enrollees



living in a community setting received in-home services and support 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; during August 2025, about 29 percent of the demonstration’s participants were voluntarily enrolled.

MDHHS also reports that 68,147 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.

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE SPECIAL NEEDS PLANS

Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plans (SNPs) are a type of Medicare Advantage plan that provide care coordination services under an NCQA-approved Model of Care. They can be HMO or PPO plan types and deliver tailored benefits to the groups they serve. To enroll in a SNP, enrollees must meet special eligibility criteria.

There are three types of SNPs, each serving a different population:

- **Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP)** – D-SNPs serve individuals dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid and must hold a contract with the state Medicaid agency. D-SNPs are designated by CMS as Coordination Only (CO D-SNP), Highly Integrated (HIDE D-SNP), or Fully Integrated (FIDE D-SNP) according to the level of coordination and integration between Medicare and Medicaid.
- **Chronic Condition SNP (C-SNP)** – C-SNPs serve individuals with specific severe or disabling chronic conditions such as cardiovascular disorders or diabetes.
- **Institutional Special Needs Plan (I-SNP)** – I-SNPs limit enrollment to individuals requiring an institutional level of care, including those living in the community.

As of August 2025, there are a total of **170,021 individuals** enrolled in SNPs in Michigan.





Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNP)

In 2025, there are 20 D-SNPs in Michigan offered by seven parent organizations. In August 2025, a total of 147,968 individuals are enrolled. UnitedHealth Group, Inc. currently has the largest D-SNP market share (48,097 enrollees), followed by Humana (44,706 enrollees) and CVS Health/Aetna (24,579 enrollees).

Only CO D-SNPs operate in Michigan. This will change when Michigan transitions MI Health Link to a HIDE SNP + Managed Long-term Services and Supports (MLTSS) program on January 1, 2026.

Parent Organization	D-SNP Plan Name	Integration Status	July 2025 Enrollment	Aug 2025 Enrollment
Centene Corporation	Wellcare Dual Access Open (PPO D-SNP)	CO D-SNP	3,690	3,671
	Wellcare Dual Access (HMO-POS D-SNP)	CO D-SNP	5,336	5,269
	Wellcare Dual Reserve (HMO-POS D-SNP) – Partial Duals Only	CO D-SNP	124	124
	Total			9,150
Corewell Health	PriorityMedicare D-SNP (HMO D-SNP)	CO D-SNP	8,581	8,517
	Total		8,581	8,517
CVS Health Corporation	Aetna Medicare Assure Premier (HMO D-SNP)	CO D-SNP	22,450	22,655
	Aetna Medicare Assure Premier (PPO D-SNP)	CO D-SNP	1,861	1,924
	Total			24,311
Henry Ford Health System	HAP Medicare Complete Assist (PPO D-SNP)	CO D-SNP	703	710
	HAP Medicare Complete Duals (HMO D-SNP)	CO D-SNP	1,896	1,890
	Total			2,599
Humana, Inc.	Humana Dual Select H5216-385 (PPO D-SNP)	CO D-SNP	9,306	9,150
	HumanaChoice SNP-DE H5216-388 (PPO D-SNP)	CO D-SNP	13,930	13,904
	Humana Gold Plus SNP-DE H8908-005 (HMO D-SNP)	CO D-SNP	18,732	18,853
	Humana Gold Plus SNP-DE H8908-007 (HMO D-SNP)	CO D-SNP	2,698	2,799
	Total			44,666
Molina Healthcare, Inc.	Molina Medicare Complete Care (HMO D-SNP)	CO D-SNP	8,303	8,376
	Molina Medicare Complete Care Select (HMO D-SNP) – Partial Duals Only	CO D-SNP	1,677	1,666
	Total			9,980
UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	UHC Dual Complete MI-S001 (PPO D-SNP)	CO D-SNP	8,047	8,041
	UHC Dual Complete MI-S002 (HMO-POS D-SNP)	CO D-SNP	24,595	24,581
	UHC Dual Complete MI-V001 (HMO-POS D-SNP)	CO D-SNP	6,355	6,470
	UHC Dual Complete MI-S3 (HMO D-SNP)	CO D-SNP	8,585	9,005
	Total			47,582
Zing Health Consolidator, Inc.	Zing Dual Complete Select MI (HMO D-SNP)	CO D-SNP	246	248
	Zing Dual Complete Open Choice MI (PPO D-SNP)	CO D-SNP	118	115
	Total			364
D-SNP MARKET TOTAL			147,233	147,968

Source: CMS SNP Comprehensive Report –July 2025 and August 2025

Chronic Condition Special Needs Plan (C-SNP)

There are nine C-SNP plans in the Michigan market, offered by four parent organizations. **About 21,000 individuals are enrolled in Michigan’s C-SNPs. HumanaChoice – Diabetes and Heart PPO has the highest number of enrollees (12,697).**

Parent Organization	C-SNP Plan Name	Specialty Diseases	July 2025 Enrollment	Aug 2025 Enrollment
Curana Health Holdings, LLC (Align Senior Care)	Align Kidney Care (HMO-POS)	ERSD	43	42
	Total		43	42
Humana Inc.	Humana Choice – Diabetes and Heart (PPO C-SNP)	Cardio Dis, CHF, Diabetes	12,529	12,697
	Humana Gold Plus – End Stage Renal Disease (HMO)	ERSD	240	265
	Total		12,769	12,962
UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	UHC Complete Care MI-3 (PPO)	Cardio Dis, CHF, Diabetes	2,488	2,639
	Erickson Advantage Champion (HMO-POS)	Cardio Dis, CHF, Diabetes	195	195
	Total		2,683	2,834
Zing Health Consolidator, Inc.	Zing Select Diabetes & Heart MI (HMO)	Cardio Dis, CHF, Diabetes	1,367	1,493
	Zing ERSD Select MI (HMO)	ERSD	90	91
	Zing Elite Diabetes & Heart MI (HMO)	Cardio Dis, CHF, Diabetes	1,070	1,184
	Zing Open Choice Diabetes & Heart MI (PPO)	Cardio Dis, CHF, Diabetes	2,356	2,269
	Total		4,883	5,037
C-SNP MARKET TOTAL			20,378	20,875

Source: CMS SNP Comprehensive Report – July 2025 and August 2025.

Institutional Special Needs Plan (I-SNP)

There are three parent organizations offering I-SNPs in Michigan with a total of 2,397 enrollees as of August 2025. Longevity Health Plan has the most enrollees (1,255), followed by Senior Care (970).

Parent Organization	I-SNP Plan Name	July 2025 Enrollment	Aug 2025 Enrollment
Curana Health Holdings, LLC	Senior Care (HMO)	933	970
	Premier Care (HMO-POS)	16	14
	Total	949	984
Longevity Health Founders, LLC	Longevity Health Plan (HMO)	1,304	1,255
	Total	1,304	1,255
UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	Erickson Advantage Guardian (HMO-POS)	157	158
	Total	157	158
I-SNP MARKET TOTAL		2,410	2,397

Source: CMS SNP Comprehensive Report –July 2025 and August 2025.

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 department’s [website](#) shows one new policy issued in August:

- [MMP 25-27](#), School Services Program (SSP) Updates

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

- [2534-Pharmacy](#), Removal of Pharmacy Copayment for Drugs Used to Prevent Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis [PrEP] & Post-Exposure Prophylaxis [PEP])
- [2538-PDN](#), Updates to the Private Duty Nursing Benefit for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment

MDHHS released one Medicaid Provider L-letters of potential interest in August, per their [website](#).

- [L 25-45](#), Autism Services State Plan Amendment





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