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MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ENROLLMENT ACTIVITY

As of August 1, 2021, there were **2,173,539 Medicaid beneficiaries, including 762,608 Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) beneficiaries**, enrolled in the 10 Michigan Medicaid Health Plans (HMOs). As the table below shows, this is an overall **increase of 17,543** since July 1, 2021. The number of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in HMOs increased by 7,976 and the number of non-HMP beneficiaries increased by 9,567. As the table below illustrates, **managed care enrollment has grown significantly** over the last year and is **220,102 higher in August 2021 than in August 2020**.

More than half of the growth can be seen in the Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) enrollment figures; the count of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in the 10 Michigan Medicaid Health Plans (HMOs) in August 2021 is about **125,000 higher** than in August 2020. The count of non-HMP enrollees has also increased during the same period.

Some of this growth can surely be attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic and the loss of income and health insurance by many in Michigan’s population, but a contributing factor as well was the decision in April 2020 by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to temporarily discontinue annual eligibility redeterminations and case closures.

| | Aug. 2020 | Oct. 2020 | Dec 2020 | Feb 2021 | April 2021 | July 2021 | Aug. 2021 |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| All Medicaid Beneficiaries Enrolled | 1,953,437 | 2,004,711 | 2,042,684 | 2,084,595 | 2,118,939 | 2,155,996 | 2,173,539 |
| • Total HMP Enrollees | 637,696 | 664,879 | 688,468 | 718,103 | 735,650 | 754,632 | 762,608 |
| • Total CSHCS/ Medicaid Enrollees | 25,233 | 26,636 | 26,469 | 26,851 | 26,741 | 26,435 | 26,125 |
| • Total Medicare/ Medicaid Enrollees (Duals) | 41,427 | 44,483 | 45,244 | 45,642 | 46,327 | 47,574 | 47,837 |
| • Total MICHild Enrollees | 35,764 | 35,759 | 35,747 | 35,052 | 35,421 | 36,622 | 36,807 |

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 August 2021 the number of mandatory but not yet enrolled beneficiaries was 43,449** down from 48,041 in July 2021.





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 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 August 2021 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 26 percent of the total, Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 18 percent, Blue Cross Complete of Michigan with about 15 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 August 2021 was 762,608, an increase of 7,976** over the count for July 2021. All Medicaid HMOs have HMP beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest HMP enrollment in August 2021 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 24 percent of the total, Blue Cross Complete with about 18 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 26,125 joint CSHCS/Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in August 2021, a decrease of 310** since July 2021. This is the fifth consecutive month with decreasing enrollment numbers. All Medicaid HMOs have CSHCS/Medicaid enrollees, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in August 2021 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 22 percent of the total, Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 20 percent, and Blue Cross Complete with about 15 percent of the total number of enrollees.

MiChild

There were **36,807 MiChild beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in August 2021**, an increase of 185 since July 2021. All Medicaid HMOs have MiChild beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary dramatically across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in July were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 27 percent of the total, Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 15 percent, and Blue Cross Complete with about 14 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 **47,837 Medicaid beneficiaries dually eligible for Medicare (duals) enrolled in August 2021 in Medicaid HMOs** for their acute care Medicaid benefits. As the table above reflects, the number of enrolled duals **increased by 263** between July 2021 and August 2021. All Medicaid HMOs have duals enrolled, although the numbers vary significantly across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in August 2021 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 29 percent of the total, Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 21 percent, and UnitedHealthCare Community Plan with about 14 percent of the total number of enrollees.

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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 2021, the MI Health Link enrollment total was 40,294**, an increase of 34 enrollees since July 2021.

The tables below illustrate MI Health Link enrollment by month from 2019 to the most current data. Enrollment fluctuations are clear although there is a consistent upward trend. The lowest enrollment count on the tables was in May 2019 when there were 33,095 enrollees; and **August 2021 marks the highest enrollment count at 40,294 enrollees.**

| Jan. 2019 | Feb. 2019 | March 2019 | April 2019 | May 2019 | June 2019 |
|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| 34,367 | 34,444 | 33,672 | 33,145 | 33,095 | 35,612 |
| July 2019 | August 2019 | Sept. 2019 | Oct. 2019 | Nov. 2019 | Dec. 2019 |
| 34,771 | 36,621 | 37,295 | 37,018 | 37,377 | 37,321 |



| Jan. 2020 | Feb. 2020 | March 2020 | April 2020 | May 2020 | June 2020 |
|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| 36,647 | 37,575 | 37,006 | 36,864 | 37,675 | 37,898 |
| July 2020 | August 2020 | Sept. 2020 | Oct. 2020 | Nov. 2020 | Dec. 2020 |
| 38,473 | 39,206 | 39,055 | 39,269 | 39,889 | 39,799 |

| 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 | August 2021 | | | | |
| 40,260 | 40,294 | | | | |

There are seven ICOs serving one or more of the demonstration regions. The table below provides enrollment information by region for each ICO for August 2021.

| MI Health Link Enrollment | Upper Peninsula Region | SW MI Region | Macomb Region | Wayne Region | Total |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Aetna Better Health of MI | | 3,147 | 987 | 3,600 | 7,734 |
| AmeriHealth Michigan | | | 672 | 2,327 | 2,999 |
| HAP Empowered, Inc. | | | 1,021 | 3,419 | 4,440 |
| Meridian Health Plan of MI | | 5,014 | | | 5,014 |
| MI Complete Health | | | 889 | 2,472 | 3,361 |
| Molina Healthcare of MI | | | 2,181 | 10,260 | 12,441 |
| Upper Peninsula Health Plan | 4,305 | | | | 4,305 |
| Total | 4,305 | 3,147 | 5,750 | 22,078 | 40,294 |

The plans with the highest enrollment in August 2021 were Molina Healthcare of Michigan with 31 percent of the total, Aetna Better Health of Michigan with about 19 percent, and Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 12 percent of the total number of enrollees.

During August 2021, 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 nursing 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.

While all plans have enrollees receiving care in nursing facilities, Aetna Better Health of Michigan had the largest share during August 2021; about 22 percent of the total enrollees residing in nursing facilities were part of Aetna. Molina Healthcare of Michigan had about 20 percent of total enrollees residing in nursing facilities during August 2021, and Upper Peninsula Health Plan had about 16 percent.





Most MI Health Link enrollees are passively enrolled; they are auto assigned to a health plan based on their eligibility but are able to opt out of the demonstration at any time. Beneficiaries may also voluntarily enroll in the demonstration; and during August 2021, about 17 percent of the demonstration's participants were voluntarily enrolled.

MDHHS also reports that **63,066 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.

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MICHIGAN MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS

There are multiple types of Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plans (SNPs). Some plans focus on Medicare beneficiaries with certain chronic medical conditions; these are called C-SNPs. Other plans focus on Medicare beneficiaries residing in institutions; these are I-SNPs. Plans that focus on Medicare beneficiaries dually eligible for Medicaid (duals) are called D-SNPs. All three types of plans provide Medicare benefits, and all are available in Michigan.

Meridian Health Plan of Michigan is offering a C-SNP focused on Medicare beneficiaries with diabetes and had 75 Medicare enrollees in August 2021. Align Senior Care Michigan is offering a C-SNP focused on beneficiaries with dementia and had 11 enrollees in August 2021. Zing Health of Michigan began offering a C-SNP in January 2021 focused on beneficiaries with Cardiovascular Disorders, Chronic Heart Failure, and/or Diabetes and had 17 enrollees in August 2021. Align is also offering an I-SNP and had 110 enrollees in August 2021. Longevity Health Plan of Michigan is also offering an I-SNP and has 40 enrollees in August 2021.

Four of the 10 Medicaid HMOs in Michigan are also federally contracted as D-SNPs: Meridian Health Plan of Michigan, Molina Healthcare of Michigan, Priority Health Choice, and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan. **As of August 1, 2021, these four D-SNPs had a combined enrollment of 46,085 duals** for whom they provide Medicare services.

About 32 percent of the duals enrolled in a Michigan D-SNP (14,791 individuals) in August 2021 were enrolled with Molina; about 32 percent (14,695 individuals) were enrolled with Meridian; about 23 percent (10,603 individuals) were enrolled with UnitedHealthcare; and about 13 percent (5,995 individuals) were enrolled with Priority. None of these duals are participating in the MI Health Link demonstration, but some may also be enrolled in these same plans to receive their Medicaid services.

In addition to these four health plans, four additional D-SNPs serve Michigan. Humana Medical/Dental Plan and Health Alliance Plan (HAP) of Michigan were serving enrollees in 2020; and Aetna Health of



Michigan, and Reliance Medicare Advantage were new to Michigan in January 2021. Humana had 19,860 enrollees in August 2021, Aetna had 1,456 enrollees, HAP had 373 enrollees, and Reliance had 189 enrollees. These enrollment totals are not counted in the aforementioned statistics because they are not Medicaid-contracted health plans. HAP is the parent organization for HAP Empowered Health Plan and Aetna Health of Michigan is the parent organization for Aetna Better Health of Michigan, both of which are Michigan Medicaid HMOs and ICOs participating in MI Health Link.

Not all duals enrolled in the D-SNPs are eligible to receive full Medicaid benefits. Some only receive assistance from the Medicaid program with their Medicare coinsurance and deductible payments and/or monthly Medicare premiums.

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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](#). Enrollment stood at **939,596 as of August 30, 2021**, the last counting day of the month. **This is an increase of 10,359 since July 26, 2021. The enrollment count for August 30, 2021 is the highest ever for the program.**

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MEDICAID POLICIES

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has released five final and six proposed policies that are available for review on the department's [website](#).

The [website](#) shows four final policies issued in August.

- MSA 21-12, issued August 30, 2021: COVID-19 Response: Suspending Periodic Income Reviews for Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Beneficiaries
- MSA 21-31 issued August 2, 2021: Sample Ophthalmic Frames
- MSA 21-32, issued August 25, 2021: Tribal 638 Facilities - Alternative Payment Methodology for Prescriptions
- MSA 21-33, issued August 17, 2021: Coverage of Rapid Whole Genome Sequencing (rWGS) Testing

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

- 2120-CSHCS: COVID-19 Response: Suspending Periodic Income Reviews for Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Beneficiaries
- 2119-APM: Tribal 638 Facilities - Alternative Payment Methodology for Prescriptions
- 2060-MI Choice: Revisions to the MI Choice Waiver Chapter of the Medicaid Provider Manual

In addition, MDHHS released four L-letters of potential interest, which are available for review on the same [website](#).

- L 21-53, issued August 13, 2021: Submission of a State Plan Amendment (SPA) for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF)
- L 21-55, issued August 30, 2021: Notice of Intent to Submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Include New Transportation Provider Qualifications
- L 21-56, issued August 11, 2021: Recall of LeadCare® Blood Lead Tests Due to Risk of Falsely Low Results- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory (Modified by MDHHS to Reflect Michigan's Recommendations)
- L 21-57, issued August 11, 2021: Long Term Supports and Services (LTSS) COVID-19 Response: Level of Care Determination (LOCD) End Date Extensions - Nursing Facilities and Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

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