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MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ENROLLMENT ACTIVITY

As of August 1, 2022, there were **2,251,780 Medicaid beneficiaries, including 786,388 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 11,867** since July 1, 2022. The number of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in HMOs increased by 3,868 and the number of non-HMP beneficiaries increased by 7,999. As the table below illustrates, while **managed care enrollment growth has slowed, it continues to grow and is 78,241 higher in August 2022 than in August 2021.**

The count of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in the nine Michigan Medicaid Health Plans (HMOs) in August 2022 is **23,780** more than in August 2021. 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 requirement that the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to temporarily discontinue annual eligibility redeterminations and case closures.

	Aug 2021	Oct 2021	Dec 2021	Feb 2022	Apr 2022	July 2022	Aug 2022
All Medicaid Beneficiaries Enrolled	2,173,539	2,179,618	2,186,670	2,194,871	2,218,585	2,239,913	2,251,780
• Total HMP Enrollees	762,608	766,532	762,001	765,926	776,376	782,520	786,388
• Total CSHCS/Medicaid Enrollees	26,125	26,186	26,233	26,567	26,775	27,387	27,733
• Total Medicare/Medicaid Enrollees (Duals)	47,837	48,168	48,638	47,148	47,178	47,433	47,494
• Total MICHild Enrollees	36,807	36,650	36,103	35,592	35,967	35,897	35,961

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 2022, the number of mandatory but not yet enrolled beneficiaries was 56,073 up** from 49,443 in July 2022.

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 2022 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 25 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 13 percent.

Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP)

The **total count of HMP enrollees in the Medicaid HMOs in August 2022 was 786,388 an increase of 3,868** over the count for July 2022. All Medicaid HMOs have HMP beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest HMP enrollment in August 2022 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 23 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 **27,733 joint CSHCS/Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in August 2022**, an increase of **346** since July 2022. All Medicaid HMOs have CSHCS/Medicaid enrollees, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in August 2022 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan and Molina Healthcare of Michigan, both with about 20 percent, and Blue Cross Complete with about 16 percent of the total number of enrollees.

MiChild

There were **35,961 MiChild beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in August 2022**, an increase of 64 since July 2022. 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 26 percent of the total, and Molina Healthcare of Michigan and Priority 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 **47,494 Medicaid beneficiaries dually eligible for Medicare (duals) enrolled in August 2022 in Medicaid HMOs** for their acute care Medicaid benefits. The number of enrolled duals **increased by 61** between July 2022 and August 2022. All Medicaid HMOs have duals enrolled, although the numbers vary significantly across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in August 2022 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 26 percent of the total, Molina Healthcare of Michigan



with about 21 percent, and UnitedHealthCare Community Plan with about 17 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 August 2022, the MI Health Link enrollment total was 42,622**, an increase of **2,316** enrollees since July 2022.

The tables below illustrate MI Health Link enrollment by month from 2020 to the most current data. Enrollment fluctuations are clear although this is the third consecutive month with declining enrollment. The lowest count on the tables was in January 2020 when there were 36,647 enrollees; August 2022 marks the highest enrollment with 42,622 enrollees.

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	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				
40,306	42,622				



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 2022**

MI Health Link Enrollment	Upper Peninsula Region	SW MI Region	Macomb Region	Wayne Region	Total
Aetna Better Health of MI		3,487	1,158	4,025	8,670
AmeriHealth Michigan			722	2,349	3,071
HAP Empowered Health Plan			1,079	3,521	4,600
Meridian Health Plan of MI		5,204	1,056	2,847	9,107
Molina Healthcare of MI			2,256	10,329	12,585
Upper Peninsula Health Plan	4,589				4,589
Total	4,589	8,691	6,271	23,071	42,622

The plans with the highest enrollment in August 2022 were Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 30 percent of the total, Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 21 percent, and Aetna Better Health of Michigan with about 20 percent, and of the total number of enrollees.

During August 2022, 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 are able to opt out of the demonstration at any time. Beneficiaries may also voluntarily enroll in the demonstration; and during August 2022, about 25 percent of the demonstration’s participants were voluntarily enrolled.

MDHHS also reports that 56,313 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). 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 continues to offer a C-SNP focused on Medicare beneficiaries with diabetes and had 82 Medicare enrollees in August 2022. Align Senior Care Michigan is offering a C-SNP focused on beneficiaries with dementia and had 20 enrollees in August 2022. Zing Health of Michigan is offering a C-SNP focused on beneficiaries with Cardiovascular Disorders, Chronic Heart Failure, and/or Diabetes and had 78 enrollees in August 2022. Align is also offering an I-SNP and had 286 enrollees in August 2022. Longevity Health Plan of Michigan is offering an I-SNP and had 516 enrollees in August 2022.

Several of the Medicaid HMOs in Michigan are also 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 are the only Medicaid-contracted health plans that do not offer a D-SNP product either directly or through a parent organization. Collectively, **the Medicaid health plans, and their parent organizations had a combined enrollment of 65,245 duals for whom they provided Medicare services in August 2022.**

About 33 percent of the duals enrolled in a Michigan D-SNP (21,832 individuals) in August 2022 were enrolled with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan; about 22 percent (14,406 individuals) were enrolled with Molina; about 21 percent (13,495 individuals) were enrolled in products through Meridian or its parent company, Centene; about 14 percent (9,123 individuals) were enrolled with Priority Health Choice; 9 percent (5,598 individuals) were enrolled with Aetna Health Plan of Michigan (the parent organization of Medicaid-contracted Aetna Better Health of Michigan); and 619 individuals (1 percent of the total) were enrolled with Health Alliance Plan (HAP) of Michigan, the parent organization of Medicaid-contracted HAP Empowered Health Plan. McLaren Health Plan also has an approved D-SNP for 2022 and has 172 enrollees in August 2022. None of these duals are participating in the MI Health Link demonstration, but some may also be enrolled in the affiliated Medicaid HMOs to receive their Medicaid services.

In addition to these health plans, Humana Medical/Dental Plan and Humana Medical Plan of Michigan, as well as Reliance HMO, Inc. are also offering D-SNPs in Michigan. Humana's D-SNP products have a total enrollment of 27,254 enrollees in August 2022 and Reliance is serving 206 individuals. These enrollment totals are not counted in the aforementioned statistics because they are not Medicaid-contracted health plans.



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.

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 **1,022,948 as of August 29, 2022. This is an increase of 8,873 since July 25, 2022. The enrollment count for August 29, 2022, is the highest ever for the program.**

MEDICAID POLICIES

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

The [website](#) shows five final policies issued since our last newsletter:

- MMP 22-27, issued August 31, 2022: Opioid Health Home Expansion
- MMP 22-26, issued August 31, 2022: Co-Treatment Therapy
- MMP 22-25, issued August 31, 2022: Updates to the MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual
- MMP 22-24, issued August 31, 2022: Program Enrollment of Dental Therapists
- MMP 21-37, issued August 1, 2002: Transportation Provider Qualifications

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

- 2226-EPSTD: Clarification of Stand-alone COVID-19 Vaccine Counseling
- 2223-Telemedicine: Telemedicine Policy Post-COVID-19 Public Health Emergency
- 2216-PACE: Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Evaluation Criteria
- 2220-Lab: Revisions to the Laboratory Chapter of the Medicaid Provider Manual

MDHSHS released nine L-Letters of potential interest, all of which are available on their website.

- L 22-43: Coordination of Benefits for MI Choice services for participants who receive services for accidental bodily injury covered by personal injury protection (PIP) insurance through an automobile insurance company
- L 22-41: COVID-19 Response: Updates to Bulletins MSA 20-76, MSA 21-43 and HASA 22-04
- L22-40: Medicaid Reimbursement for Vaccine Administration Services
- L 22-39: Reimbursement for Neonatal Services
- L 22-38: Dental Reimbursement Increase



- L 22-37: Notice of Intent to Submit a Section 1915(b) Waiver Renewal Application for the Healthy Kids Dental Program
- L 22-36: Nursing Facility Quality Measure Initiative Resident Satisfaction Survey Data
- L 22-35: Notice of September 14, 2022, Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies Medicaid Provider Liaison Meeting
- L 22-34: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Request for comment on Behavioral Health Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) for Heightened Scrutiny (HS) settings within the Ten Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) Regions





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