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MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ENROLLMENT ACTIVITY

As of August 1, 2023, there were **2,265,773 Medicaid beneficiaries, including 794,649 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 48,540** since July 1, 2023. The number of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in HMOs **decreased by 21,849** and the number of non-HMP beneficiaries **decreased by 26,691**.

The count of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in the nine Michigan Medicaid Health Plans (HMOs) in August 2023 is **8,261** more than in August 2022. The count of non-HMP enrollees has also remains higher than a year ago.

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. This decrease in enrollment is expected as MDHHS has re-established annual redeterminations.

	Aug 2022	Oct 2022	Dec 2022	Feb 2023	Apr 2023	July 2023	Aug 2023
All Medicaid Beneficiaries Enrolled	2,251,780	2,265,187	2,279,426	2,281,669	2,307,983	2,314,313	2,265,773
• Total HMP Enrollees	786,388	791,115	796,373	800,242	813,547	816,498	794,649
• Total CSHCS/ Medicaid Enrollees	27,733	27,628	27,804	28,021	28,640	28,859	28,699
• Total Medicare/ Medicaid Enrollees (DUALS)	47,494	47,548	47,402	44,827	43,838	42,823	42,153
• Total MICHild Enrollees	35,961	35,922	36,112	35,819	36,250	36,317	36,786

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 previous low of 45,305 in July 2018 to a high of 149,746 in May 2020. **In August 2023 the number of mandatory but not yet enrolled beneficiaries was 44,539 – up from 42,436** in July 2023.

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 2023 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 24 percent of the total (536,074 enrollees), Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 17 percent (394,668 enrollees), Blue Cross Complete of Michigan with about 16 percent of the total number of enrollees (357,109), and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan with about 14 percent (306,937).

Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP)

The **total count of HMP enrollees in the Medicaid HMOs in August 2023 was 794,649 a decrease of 21,849** from the count for July 2023. All Medicaid HMOs have HMP beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest HMP enrollment in August 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 **28,699 joint CSHCS/Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in August 2023**, a decrease of **160** since July 2023. All Medicaid HMOs have CSHCS/Medicaid enrollees, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in August 2023 were Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 21 percent, Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with just over 17 percent and Blue Cross Complete and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan with just under 17 percent of the total number of enrollees.

MiChild

There were **36,786 MiChild beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in August 2023**, an increase of 469 since July 2023. 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 24 percent of the total, and Priority Health 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 **41,153 Medicaid beneficiaries dually eligible for Medicare (duals) enrolled in August 2023 in Medicaid HMOs** for their acute care Medicaid benefits. The number of enrolled duals **decreased by 670** between July 2023 and August 2023. All Medicaid HMOs have duals enrolled, although the numbers vary significantly across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in August 2023 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 23 percent of the total, Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 20 percent, and UnitedHealthCare Community Plan with about 20 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 2023, the MI Health Link enrollment total was 41,434** a decrease of **976 enrollees** since July 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	May 2023	June 23
42,501	42,066	41,319	44,033	44,216	43,399
July 2023	Aug. 2023				
42,410	41,434				



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 2023**.

MI Health Link Enrollment	Upper Peninsula Region	SW MI Region	Macomb Region	Wayne Region	Total
Aetna Better Health of MI		3,173	1,517	4,128	8,818
AmeriHealth Michigan			736	2,325	3,061
HAP Empowered Health Plan			1,109	3,421	4,530
Meridian Health Plan of MI		4,651	958	2,801	8,410
Molina Healthcare of MI			2,217	9,681	11,898
Upper Peninsula Health Plan	4,717				4,717
Total	4,717	7,824	6,537	22,356	41,434

The plans with the highest enrollment in August 2023 were Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 29 percent of the total, Aetna Better Health of Michigan with about 21 percent, and Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 20 percent of the total number of enrollees.

During August 2023, about 94 percent of the MI Health Link enrollees were living in a community setting, and the remaining 6 percent of enrollees resided in a facility. About 7 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 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 August 2023, about 26 percent of the demonstration’s participants were voluntarily enrolled.

MDHHS also reports 61,837 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 August 2023, there are a total of 134,834 Michigan enrollees in various Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plans (SNPs). This is an increase of 3,362 over July 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 August 2023, there are 17 D-SNPs in the Michigan market with a total of 132,734 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 United Healthcare Dual Complete (28,782) and Humana Choice (23,936). New to the Michigan D-SNP market, Zing Health's Dual Complete Plus MI plan has 40 enrollees.





Parent Organization	Plan	Total Enrollees July 2023	Total Enrollees Aug. 2023
Humana, Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humana Choice (PPO) • Humana Gold Plus (HMO) 	43,186	44,715
UnitedHealth Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UnitedHealthcare Dual Complete Choice (PPO) • UnitedHealthcare Dual Complete (HMO) • UnitedHealthcare Dual Complete Select (HMO) 	38,275	39,889
Centene (formerly Meridian Health Plan of Michigan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellcare Dual Access Open (PPO) • Wellcare Dual Access (HMO) 	13,875	13,810
Molina Healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molina Medicare Complete Care (HMO) • Molina Medicare Complete Care Select (HMO) 	13,383	13,346
Corewell Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority Medicare D-SNP (HMO) • Priority Medicare D-SNP + Kroger (HMO) 	10,836	10,836
CVS Health Corporation	Aetna Medicare Assure Premier (HMO)	8,125	8,351
Henry Ford Health System/Health Alliance Plan	HAP Medicare Complete Duals (HMO)	652	657
McLaren Health Care Corporation	McLaren Medicare Inspire Duals (HMO)	365	394
Commonwealth Care Alliance	CCA Medicare Maximum (HMO)	401	412
Centene Corporation	Ascension Complete Michigan D-SNP (HMO)	280	284
Zing Health	Zing Dual Complete Plus MI (HMO)	38	40
	Total	129,416	132,734

Chronic Condition Special Needs Plan (C-SNP)

There are eight C-SNP plans in the Michigan market, but only four health plans have enrollees as of August 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 **784** enrollees in August 2023.

Erickson Advantage Champion has the highest number of enrollees (503), 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 June, these plans did not have any enrollees.





Parent Organization	Health Plan	Specialty Diseases	Total Enrollees July 2023	Total Enrollees Aug. 2023
UnitedHealth Group	Erickson Advantage Champion (HMO – POS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiovascular disorders • Chronic heart failure • Diabetes 	503	470
Zing Health	Zing Essential Wellness Diabetes and Heart MI (HMO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiovascular disorders • Chronic heart failure • Diabetes 	199	229
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 	83	85
		Total	785	784

Institutional Special Needs Plan (I-SNP)

There are three I-SNPs in Michigan with a total of 1,271 enrollees as of August 2023. This is an increase of 45 since July 2023. Longevity Health Plan has the most enrollees (701) compared to Align Thrive (464) and Erickson Advantage Guardian (151).

Parent Organization	Plan	Total Enrollees July 2023	Total Enrollees Aug. 2023
Longevity Health Founders, LLC	Longevity Health Plan (HMO)	654	701
Innovative Long Term Care Management, Inc.	Align Thrive (HMO)	471	464
UnitedHealth Group	Erickson Advantage Guardian (HMO – POS)	146	151
	Total	1,271	1,316

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 **1,070,181 as of August 29, 2023, the last day August numbers were available. This is a decrease of 25,539 since July 24, 2023.**





SAMHSA ANNOUNCED FOUR YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has released its 2023-2026 Strategic Plan. The plan presents new priorities, goals and objectives. The five priority areas are:

- Preventing Substance Use and Overdose
- Enhancing Access to Suicide Prevention and MH Services
- Promoting Resilience and Emotional Health for Children, Youth and Families
- Integrating Behavioral and Physical Health Care
- Strengthening the Behavioral Health Workforce.

This is significant in that behavioral health is a major focus for federal, state, and local decision makers. This strategic plan is a key element in shaping federal policy and funding that supports state and local work. Stakeholders will benefit from an awareness of these strategic priorities, goals, and objectives as the lens that SAMHSA will apply to its work over the next three or more years.

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 one new policy issued in August.

- [MMP 23-50](#); Issued August 2, 2023; Updates and Clarification to Coverage and Reimbursement of Anesthesia Services

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

- [2333-Telemedicine](#) - Asynchronous Telemedicine: Interprofessional Telephone/Internet/Electronic Health Record Consultations (eConsults), Updated Requirements

MDHSHS released four Medicaid Provider L-Letters of potential interest in August, per their [website](#).

- [L 23-49](#); Reimbursement for Individual Practitioner Professional Services
- [L 23-48](#); Skilled Maintenance Therapy State Plan Amendment Request
- [L 23-47](#); Notice of September 20, 2023, Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supplier Provider Liaison Meeting
- [L 23-46](#); Notice of Intent to Submit a State Plan Amendment to Clarify Over-the-Counter Drug Coverage Language

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