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MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ENROLLMENT ACTIVITY

As of December 1, 2023, there were **2,051,444 Medicaid beneficiaries, including 696,317 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 40,702** since November 1, 2023. The number of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in HMOs **decreased by 21,925** and the number of non-HMP beneficiaries **decreased by 18,777**.

The total number of Medicaid beneficiaries, including Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) beneficiaries enrolled in the nine Michigan Medicaid Plans in December 2023 is 227,982 less than in December 2022. The count of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in the nine Michigan Medicaid Health Plans (HMOs) in December 2023 is 100,056 less than December 2022.

	Dec 2022	Feb 2023	Apr 2023	June 2023	Aug 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023
All Medicaid Beneficiaries Enrolled	2,279,426	2,281,669	2,307,983	2,313,776	2,265,773	2,092,146	2,051,444
• Total HMP Enrollees	796,373	800,242	813,547	816,219	794,649	718,242	696,317
• Total CSHCS/ Medicaid Enrollees	27,804	28,021	28,640	28,698	28,699	27,505	27,397
• Total Medicare/ Medicaid Enrollees (Duals)	47,402	44,827	43,838	43,255	42,153	39,828	39,551
• Total MICHild Enrollees	36,112	35,819	36,250	35,844	36,786	41,831	41,936

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 December 2023 the number of mandatory but not yet enrolled beneficiaries was 55,389– up from 49,375** in November 2023.

As the enrollment reports for December ([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 December 2023 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 23 percent of the total (469,205 enrollees), Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 18





percent (359,474 enrollees), Blue Cross Complete of Michigan with about 16 percent of the total number of enrollees (326,145), and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan with about 14 percent (283,025 enrollees).

Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP)

The **total count of HMP enrollees in the Medicaid HMOs declined in December 2023 for the fifth consecutive month, reflecting the impacts of restarting redeterminations, after increases for the first seven months of the year. December's count was 696,317 which is a decrease of 21,925** from November 2023. All Medicaid HMOs have HMP beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest HMP enrollment in December 2023 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 21 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

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 **27,397 joint CSHCS/Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in December 2023**, a decrease of **108** since November 2023. All Medicaid HMOs have CSHCS/Medicaid enrollees, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in December 2023 were Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 21 percent, Meridian Health Plan of Michigan, Blue Cross Complete, and Priority Health Choice each had about 17 percent of the total number of enrollees.

MiChild

There were **41,936 MiChild beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in December 2023**, an increase of 105 since November 2023. All Medicaid HMOs have MiChild beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary dramatically across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in December were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 24 percent of the total, Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 16 percent, and Priority Health 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 **39,551 Medicaid beneficiaries dually eligible for Medicare (duals) enrolled in December 2023 in Medicaid HMOs** for their Medicaid benefits. The number of enrolled duals **decreased by 277** between November 2023 and December 2023. All Medicaid HMOs have duals enrolled, although the numbers vary significantly across plans. Meridian Health Plan of Michigan had the highest enrollment in December 2023 with about 22 percent of the total. Molina Healthcare of Michigan and UnitedHealthCare Community Plan both had 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 December 2023, the MI Health Link enrollment total was 37,305** a decrease of **340 enrollees** since November 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. 2022	Sept. 2023	Oct. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2023
42,410	41,434	40,210	38,796	37,645	37,305





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

MI Health Link Enrollment	Upper Peninsula Region	SW MI Region	Macomb Region	Wayne Region	Total
Aetna Better Health of MI		2,968	1,389	3,687	8,044
AmeriHealth Michigan			655	2,107	2,762
HAP CareSource			1,012	3,120	4,132
Meridian Health Plan of MI		3,782	871	2,482	7,135
Molina Healthcare of MI			2,029	8,807	10,836
Upper Peninsula Health Plan	4,396				4,396
Total	4,396	6,750	5,956	20,203	37,305

The plans with the highest enrollment in December 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 December 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 December 2023, about 28 percent of the demonstration’s participants were voluntarily enrolled.

MDHHS also reports 62,392 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 December 2023, there are a total of 142,117 Michigan enrollees in various Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plans (SNPs). This is a decrease of 270 over November 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 December 2023, there are 18 D-SNPs in the Michigan market with a total of 139,914 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 (31,334) and Humana Choice (25,150). New to the Michigan D-SNP market, Zing Health's Dual Complete Plus MI plan has 41 enrollees.





Parent Organization	Plan	Total Enrollees Nov. 2023	Total Enrollees Dec. 2023
Humana, Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humana Choice (PPO) • Humana Gold Plus (HMO) 	48,416	48,354
UnitedHealth Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UnitedHealthcare Dual Complete Choice (PPO) • UnitedHealthcare Dual Complete (HMO) • UnitedHealthcare Dual Complete Select (HMO) 	43,828	43,753
Centene (formerly Meridian Health Plan of Michigan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellcare Dual Access Open (PPO) • Wellcare Dual Access (HMO) 	13,362	13,245
Molina Healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molina Medicare Complete Care (HMO) • Molina Medicare Complete Care Select (HMO) 	13,250	13,249
Corewell Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority Medicare D-SNP (HMO) • Priority Medicare D-SNP + Kroger (HMO) 	10,860	10,788
CVS Health Corporation	Aetna Medicare Assure Premier (HMO)	8,673	8,645
Henry Ford Health System/Health Alliance Plan	HAP Medicare Complete Duals (HMO)	656	661
McLaren Health Care Corporation	McLaren Medicare Inspire Duals (HMO)	425	435
Commonwealth Care Alliance	CCA Medicare Maximum (HMO)	425	428
Centene Corporation	Ascension Complete Michigan D-SNP (HMO)	315	315
Zing Health	Zing Dual Complete Plus MI (HMO)	41	41
	Total	140,251	139,914

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 December 2023.

Erickson Advantage Champion has the highest number of enrollees (382), but their enrollment is distributed across a 10-state service area where Erickson Senior Living facilities are located that includes Oakland County. Zing Essential Wellness Diabetes and Heart MI had 315 enrollees in December 2023.

Parent Organization	Health Plan	Specialty Diseases	Total Enrollees Nov. 2023	Total Enrollees Dec. 2023
UnitedHealth Group	Erickson Advantage Champion (HMO – POS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiovascular disorders • Chronic heart failure • Diabetes 	393	382
Zing Health	Zing Essential Wellness Diabetes and Heart MI (HMO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiovascular disorders • Chronic heart failure • Diabetes 	301	315
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 	90	102
		Total	784	799



Institutional Special Needs Plan (I-SNP)

There are three I-SNPs in Michigan with a total of 1,404 enrollees as of December 2023. This is an increase of 52 of since November 2023. Longevity Health Plan has the most enrollees (773) compared to Align Thrive (486) and Erickson Advantage Guardian (145).

Parent Organization	Plan	Total Enrollees Nov. 2023	Total Enrollees Dec. 2023
Longevity Health Founders, LLC	Longevity Health Plan (HMO)	753	773
Innovative Long Term Care Management, Inc.	Align Thrive (HMO)	457	486
UnitedHealth Group	Erickson Advantage Guardian (HMO – POS)	142	145
	Total	1,352	1,404

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 **927,890 as of December 18, 2023, the last day December numbers were available. This is a decrease of 34,448 since November 27, 2023.**

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 policies issued in December.

- [MMP 23-75](#), issued December 28, 2023, Policy Updates to the Habilitation Supports Waiver
- [MMP 23-62](#), issued December 28, 2023, Policy Updates to Behavior Treatment Review
- [MMP 23-76](#), issued December 15, 2023, Update to Provider Enrollment of Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)-Required Personal Care Services Providers
- [MMP 23-68](#), issued December 4, 2023, Updates to the Medicaid Provider Manual; Rapid Whole Genome Sequencing Coverage Clarification
- [MMP 23-74](#), issued December 1, 2023, Medicaid Coverage of Community Health Worker (CHW)/Community Health Representative (CHR) Services
- [MMP 23-72](#), issued December 1, 2023, Outpatient Hospital 340B Charges
- [MMP 23-69](#), issued December 1, 2023, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF)
- [MMP 23-67](#), issued December 1, 2023, Skilled Maintenance Therapy





- [MMP 23-66](#), issued December 1, 2023, Documenting Beneficiary Consent Authorizing Automatic Refills of Prescribed Pharmacy Products
- [MMP 23-65](#), issued December 1, 2023, Policy Updates for the Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances Waiver (SEDW)
- [MMP 23-61](#), issued December 1, 2023, Coverage of Office Based Substance Use Treatment (OBSUT) Services
- [MMP 23-49](#), issued December 1, 2023, Substance Use Disorder Services - Hospital Physician Consultations

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

- [2352-EVV](#), Update to Provider Enrollment of Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)-Required Personal Care Services Providers

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

- [L 23-74](#), Update to Medicaid Health Plan (MHP) Pharmacy Reimbursement. Michigan Pharmacies with 7 or fewer retail outlets effective February 13, 2024

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