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MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ENROLLMENT ACTIVITY

As of January 1, 2024, there were **2,008,408 Medicaid beneficiaries, including 674,698 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 43,036** since December 1, 2023. The number of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in HMOs **decreased by 21,619** and the number of non-HMP beneficiaries **decreased by 21,417**.

The total number of Medicaid beneficiaries, including Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) beneficiaries enrolled in the nine Michigan Medicaid Plans in January 2024 is 272,973 less than in January 2023. The count of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in the nine Michigan Medicaid Health Plans (HMOs) in January 2024 is 125,128 less than January 2023.

	Jan 2023	Mar 2023	May 2023	July 2023	Sept 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024
All Medicaid Beneficiaries Enrolled	2,281,381	2,289,756	2,310,207	2,314,313	2,209,795	2,051,444	2,008,408
• Total HMP Enrollees	799,826	804,872	814,612	816,498	769,236	696,317	674,698
• Total CSHCS/ Medicaid Enrollees	27,730	28,141	28,648	28,859	28,574	27,397	26,983
• Total Medicare/ Medicaid Enrollees (Duals)	45,258	44,243	43,508	42,823	41,141	39,551	36,828
• Total MICHild Enrollees	36,010	35,956	35,967	36,317	38,127	41,936	41,411

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 January 2024 the number of mandatory but not yet enrolled beneficiaries was 61,879– up from 55,389** in December 2023.

As the enrollment reports for January ([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 January 2024 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 23 percent of the total (455,594 enrollees), Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 18 percent (353,154 enrollees), Blue Cross Complete of Michigan with about 16 percent of the total number of enrollees (318,094), and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan with about 14 percent (279,050 enrollees).



Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP)

The **total count of HMP enrollees in the Medicaid HMOs declined in January 2024 for the sixth consecutive month, reflecting the impacts of restarting redeterminations, after increases for the first seven months of the year. January's count was 674,698 which is a decrease of 21,619** from December 2023. All Medicaid HMOs have HMP beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest HMP enrollment in January 2024 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 **26,983 joint CSHCS/Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in January 2024**, a decrease of **414** since December 2023. All Medicaid HMOs have CSHCS/Medicaid enrollees, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in January 2024 were Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 22 percent, Blue Cross Complete, and Priority Health Choice each had about 17 percent of the total number of enrollees, while Meridian Health Plan of Michigan had about 16 percent.

MiChild

There were **41,411 MiChild beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in January 2024**, a decrease of 525 since December 2023. All Medicaid HMOs have MiChild beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary dramatically across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in January 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 **36,828 Medicaid beneficiaries dually eligible for Medicare (duals) enrolled in January 2024 in Medicaid HMOs** for their Medicaid benefits. The number of enrolled duals **decreased by 2,723** between December 2023 and January 2024. All Medicaid HMOs have duals enrolled, although the numbers vary significantly across plans. Meridian Health Plan of Michigan, Molina Healthcare of Michigan and UnitedHealthCare Community Plan all 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 January 2024, the MI Health Link enrollment total was 37,657** an increase of **352 enrollees** since December 2023.

The tables below illustrate MI Health Link enrollment by month from 2022 to the most current data. Enrollment fluctuations are clear. Prior to December, the lowest count on the tables was in March 2022 when there were 38,588 enrollees; November 2022 saw the highest enrollment with 45,188 enrollees.

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

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There are six ICOs serving one or more of the demonstration regions. The table below provides enrollment information by region for each ICO for **January 2024**.

MI Health Link Enrollment	Upper Peninsula Region	SW MI Region	Macomb Region	Wayne Region	Total
Aetna Better Health of MI		3,314	1,674	4,152	9,140
AmeriHealth Michigan			721	2,235	2,956
HAP CareSource			1,059	3,189	4,248
Meridian Health Plan of MI		3,139	810	2,303	6,252
Molina Healthcare of MI			2,030	8,550	10,580
Upper Peninsula Health Plan	4,481				4,481
Total	4,481	6,453	6,294	20,429	37,657

The plans with the highest enrollment in January 2024 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 17 percent of the total number of enrollees.

During January 2024, about 93 percent of the MI Health Link enrollees were living in a community setting, and the remaining 7 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 January 2024, about 26 percent of the demonstration’s participants were voluntarily enrolled.

MDHHS also reports 62,435 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 Medicare and Medicaid (duals) are called D-SNPs. All three types of plans provide Medicare benefits, and all are available in Michigan.

Highlights of significant changes in the Michigan SNP market for 2024 according to CMS enrollment data include:

- **Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNP):** Several of the Medicaid HMOs in Michigan, or their parent organizations, continue to offer D-SNPs. While no new organizations entered the Michigan D-SNP market in 2024, Zing Health introduced a new PPO D-SNP plan, called Zing Dual Complete Open Choice (H6876).
- **Chronic Condition Special Needs Plans (C-SNP):** Humana introduced its first C-SNP in Michigan for beneficiaries with cardiovascular disease and diabetes. Zing is expanding its C-SNP products to include a PPO, as well as introducing a new C-SNP for beneficiaries with ESRD. Honest HMO of Michigan no longer operates a C-SNP in Michigan but, according to CMS enrollment reports, it did not have any members in 2023.
- **Institutional Special Needs Plans (I-SNP):** There are no notable changes in plans participating in Michigan's I-SNP market in 2024.

Updated SNP enrollment data will be published in the February edition of the Michigan Update.

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 **904,403 as of January 30, 2024, the last counting day of January. This is a decrease of 23,487 since the last count day of 2023: December 18th.**





MEDICAID POLICIES

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued several publications that are available for review on the department's [website](#), which lists no new policies issued in January.

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

- [2344-CSHCS](#), Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Eligibility Expansion up to Age 26
- [2401-EVV](#), Home Health Electronic Visit Verification
- [2350-Hospital](#), Drugs and Therapeutics Carved Out of Hospital Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) Payment

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

- [L 23-75](#), Impact of 2024 State Minimum Wage Increase on Home Help Individual Caregiver Pay Rate

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