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MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ENROLLMENT ACTIVITY

As of July 1, 2021, there were **2,155,996 Medicaid beneficiaries, including 754,632 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 10,039** since June 1, 2021. The number of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in HMOs increased by 4,319 and the number of non-HMP beneficiaries increased by 5,720.

As the table below illustrates, **managed care enrollment has grown significantly** over the last year and is **228,856 higher in July 2021 than in July 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 July 2021 is about 132,000 higher than in July 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. This decision was required to receive increased federal match, and will change when the public health emergency ends.

	July 2020	Sept 2020	Dec 2020	Mar 2021	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021
All Medicaid Beneficiaries Enrolled	1,927,140	1,972,839	2,042,684	2,105,047	2,134,715	2,145,957	2,155,996
• Total HMP Enrollees	621,998	651,134	688,468	728,739	744,482	750,313	754,632
• Total CSHCS/ Medicaid Enrollees	25,570	24,924	26,469	26,949	26,708	26,600	26,435
• Total Medicare/ Medicaid Enrollees (Duals)	41,168	41,446	45,244	45,965	46,776	47,199	47,574
• Total MICHild Enrollees	35,663	35,795	35,747	35,287	35,482	35,725	36,622

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 July 2021 the number of mandatory but not yet enrolled beneficiaries was 48,041 up from 47,491 in June 2021.



As the enrollment reports for July ([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 July 2021 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 26 percent of the total, Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 18 percent, and Blue Cross Complete of Michigan with about 15 percent of the total number of enrollees.

Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP)

The **total count of HMP enrollees in the Medicaid HMOs in July 2021 was 754,632 an increase of 4,319** over the count for June 2021. All Medicaid HMOs have HMP beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest HMP enrollment in July 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 **26,435 joint CSHCS/Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in July 2021, a decrease of 165** since June 2021. All Medicaid HMOs have CSHCS/Medicaid enrollees, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in July 2021 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 23 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 **36,622 MiChild beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in July 2021, an increase of 897** since June 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 **47,574 Medicaid beneficiaries dually eligible for Medicare (duals) enrolled in July 2021 in Medicaid HMOs** for their acute care Medicaid benefits. As the table above reflects, the number of enrolled duals **increased by 375** between June 2021 and July 2021. All Medicaid HMOs have duals enrolled, although the numbers vary significantly across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in July 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 **July 2021, the MI Health Link enrollment total was 40,260, an increase of 245** enrollees since June 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 **July 2021 marks the highest enrollment count at 40,260 enrollees.**



Jan. 2018	Feb. 2018	March 2018	April 2018	May 2018	June 2018
38,045	38,571	38,562	37,798	39,021	38,327
July 2018	August 2018	Sept. 2018	Oct. 2018	Nov. 2018	Dec. 2018
37,518	37,103	36,394	35,651	34,827	34,655

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. 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					
40,260					

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

MI Health Link Enrollment	Upper Peninsula Region	SW MI Region	Macomb Region	Wayne Region	Total
Aetna Better Health of MI		3,155	976	3,597	7,728
AmeriHealth Michigan			678	2,319	2,997
HAP Empowered, Inc.			1,017	3,416	4,433
Meridian Health Plan of MI		5,020			5,020
MI Complete Health			860	2,459	3,319
Molina Healthcare of MI			2,191	10,262	12,453
Upper Peninsula Health Plan	4,310				4,310
Total	4,310	8,175	5,722	22,053	40,260

The plans with the highest enrollment in July 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 July 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 July 2021; about 22 percent of the total enrollees residing in nursing facilities were part of Aetna. Molina Healthcare of Michigan had about 19 percent of total enrollees residing in nursing facilities during July 2021, and Upper Peninsula Health Plan had about 17 percent.

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 July 2021, about 17 percent of the demonstration's participants were voluntarily enrolled.

MDHHS also reports **that 62,351 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 72 Medicare enrollees in July 2021. Align Senior Care Michigan is offering a C-SNP focused on beneficiaries with dementia but reported no enrollees in July. 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 18 enrollees in July 2021. Align is also offering an I-SNP and had 112 enrollees in July 2021. Longevity Health Plan of Michigan is reported to be offering an I-SNP as well but does not yet have enrollees.

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 July 1, 2021, these four D-SNPs had a combined enrollment of 44,990 duals** for whom they provide Medicare services.



About 33 percent of the duals enrolled in a Michigan D-SNP (14,669 individuals) in July 2021 were enrolled with Molina; about 32 percent (14,293 individuals) were enrolled with Meridian; about 22 percent (10,116 individuals) were enrolled with UnitedHealthcare; and about 13 percent (5,912 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 19,195 enrollees in July 2021, Aetna had 1,311 enrollees, HAP had 374 enrollees, and Reliance had 192 enrollees. These enrollment totals are not counted in the 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 **929,237 as of July 26, 2021**, the last counting day of the month. **This is an increase of 6,098 since June 28, 2021. The enrollment count for July 26, 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 ten final policies issued in July.

- MSA 21-19, issued July 2, 2021: Fee-for-Service Coverage of Alcohol Use Disorder and Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Services
- MSA 21-20, issued July 16, 2021: Behavioral Health Treatment
- MSA 21-22, issued July 1, 2021: Multi-Gene Panel Laboratory Tests
- MSA 21-23, issued July 1, 2021: Prior Authorization (PA) Requirements for Wearable Cardioverter Defibrillators
- MSA 21-24, issued July 2, 2021: Asynchronous Telemedicine Services
- MSA 21-25, issued July 30, 2021: Opioid Health Home (OHH) Expansion
- MSA 21-26, issued July 30, 2021: COVID-19 Response: Update to Bulletin MSA 20-19
- MSA 21-27, issued July 30, 2021: Home Help Payment Policy for Client Facility Stays
- MSA 21-29, issued July 30, 2021: Billing Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Medical Supplies Delivered to Beneficiaries on the Day of Discharge from a Nursing Facility
- MSA 21-30, issued July 30, 2021: Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Requirement for Providers

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

- 2121-Practitioner: Coverage of Gender Affirmation Services
- 2127-HHA: COVID-19 Response: Coverage of U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Monoclonal Antibody COVID-19 Infusions by Home Health Agencies
- 2131-Lab: Coverage of Rapid Whole Genome Sequencing (rWGS) Testing
- 2126-NEMT: Transportation Provider Qualifications
- 2133-Lab: Enrollment of Genetic Counselors
- 2132-HH: 40-Hour Weekly Limit on Payments for Home Help Services Provided to One Client

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

- L 21-54, issued July 27, 2021: Medicaid Home Health FY20 Audit
- L 21-51, issued July 21, 2021: Change in the Method for Determining the Nursing Facility Current Asset Value in Rate Setting
- L 21-47, issued July 13, 2021: Actions for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Providers and Medicaid Beneficiaries During COVID-19

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