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MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ENROLLMENT ACTIVITY

As of July 1, 2023, there were **2,314,313 Medicaid beneficiaries, including 816,498 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 537** since June 1, 2023. The number of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in HMOs **increased by 279** and the number of non-HMP beneficiaries **increased by 258**. As the table below illustrates, while **managed care enrollment growth has slowed, it continues to grow and is 74,400 higher in July 2023 than in July 2022**.

The count of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in the nine Michigan Medicaid Health Plans (HMOs) in June 2023 is **33,978** more than in July 2022. The count of non-HMP enrollees has also increased during the same period.

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. The process of completing these redeterminations has started, however, MDHHS has put a temporary hold on terminating coverage to allow more time for individuals to respond.

	July 2022	Sept 2022	Nov 2022	Jan 2023	Mar 2023	June 2023	July 2023
All Medicaid Beneficiaries Enrolled	2,239,913	2,256,765	2,274,722	2,281,381	2,289,756	2,313,776	2,314,313
• Total HMP Enrollees	782,520	788,228	794,457	799,826	804,872	816,219	816,498
• Total CSHCS/ Medicaid Enrollees	27,387	27,537	27,712	27,730	28,141	28,698	28,859
• Total Medicare/ Medicaid Enrollees (Duals)	47,433	47,527	47,651	45,258	44,243	43,255	42,823
• Total MIChild Enrollees	35,897	36,006	36,007	36,010	35,956	35,844	36,317

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 July 2023 the number of mandatory but not yet enrolled beneficiaries was 42,436 – down from 41,894 in June 2023, which is a new low.**



As the enrollment reports for June ([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 2023 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 24 percent of the total (550,426 enrollees), Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 17 percent (402,642 enrollees), Blue Cross Complete of Michigan with about 16 percent of the total number of enrollees (363,052), and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan with about 14 percent (313,842).

Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP)

The **total count of HMP enrollees in the Medicaid HMOs in July 2023 was 816,498 an increase of 279** over the count for June 2023. All Medicaid HMOs have HMP beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest HMP enrollment in July 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 **28,859 joint CSHCS/Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in July 2023**, an increase of **161** since June 2023. All Medicaid HMOs have CSHCS/Medicaid enrollees, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in July 2023 were Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 20 percent, Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 17 percent and Blue Cross Complete with about 17 percent of the total number of enrollees.

MiChild

There were **36,317 MiChild beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in July 2023**, an increase of 473 since June 2023. 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 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 **42,823 Medicaid beneficiaries dually eligible for Medicare (duals) enrolled in July 2023 in Medicaid HMOs** for their acute care Medicaid benefits. The number of enrolled duals **decreased by 432** between June 2023 and July 2023. All Medicaid HMOs have duals enrolled, although the numbers vary significantly across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in July 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 19 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 July 2023, the MI Health Link enrollment total was 42,410** a decrease of **989 enrollees** since June 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					
42,410					

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

MI Health Link Enrollment	Upper Peninsula Region	SW MI Region	Macomb Region	Wayne Region	Total
Aetna Better Health of MI		3,279	1,560	4,237	9,076
AmeriHealth Michigan			762	2,370	3,132
HAP Empowered Health Plan			1,113	3,494	4,607
Meridian Health Plan of MI		4,765	964	2,892	8,621
Molina Healthcare of MI			2,255	9,935	12,190
Upper Peninsula Health Plan	4,784				4,784
Total	4,784	8,044	6,654	22,928	42,410

The plans with the highest enrollment in July 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 July 2023, 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 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 July 2023, about 26 percent of the demonstration’s participants were voluntarily enrolled.

MDHHS also reports 61,931 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 July 2023, there are a total of 131,472 Michigan enrollees in various Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plans (SNPs). This is an increase of 3,213 over June 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 July 2023, there are 17 D-SNPs in the Michigan market with a total of 129,416 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 Humana Choice (23,491) and Humana Gold Plus (19,705). New to the Michigan D-SNP market, Zing Health’s Dual Complete Plus MI plan has 38 enrollees.

Parent Organization	Plan	Total Enrollees June 2023	Total Enrollees July 2023
Humana, Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humana Choice (PPO) • Humana Gold Plus (HMO) 	41,726	43,186
UnitedHealth Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UnitedHealthcare Dual Complete Choice (PPO) • UnitedHealthcare Dual Complete (HMO) • UnitedHealthcare Dual Complete Select (HMO) 	36,854	38,275
Centene (formerly Meridian Health Plan of Michigan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellcare Dual Access Open (PPO) • Wellcare Dual Access (HMO) 	13,847	13,875
Molina Healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molina Medicare Complete Care (HMO) • Molina Medicare Complete Care Select (HMO) 	13,347	13,383
Corewell Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority Medicare D-SNP (HMO) • Priority Medicare D-SNP + Kroger (HMO) 	10,767	10,836
CVS Health Corporation	Aetna Medicare Assure Premier (HMO)	7,975	8,125
Henry Ford Health System/Health Alliance Plan	HAP Medicare Complete Duals (HMO)	663	652
McLaren Health Care Corporation	McLaren Medicare Inspire Duals (HMO)	355	365
Commonwealth Care Alliance	CCA Medicare Maximum (HMO)	376	401
Centene Corporation	Ascension Complete Michigan D-SNP (HMO)	275	280
Zing Health	Zing Dual Complete Plus MI (HMO)	38	38
	Total	126,223	129,416

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 July 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 785 enrollees in July 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 June 2023	Total Enrollees July 2023
UnitedHealth Group	Erickson Advantage Champion (HMO – POS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiovascular disorders • Chronic heart failure • Diabetes 	519	503
Zing Health	Zing Essential Wellness Diabetes and Heart MI (HMO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiovascular disorders • Chronic heart failure • Diabetes 	183	199
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	83
		Total	787	785

Institutional Special Needs Plan (I-SNP)

There are three I-SNPs in Michigan with a total of 1,271 enrollees as of July 2023. This is an increase of 22 since June 2023. Longevity Health Plan has the most enrollees (654) compared to Align Thrive (471) and Erickson Advantage Guardian (146).

Parent Organization	Plan	Total Enrollees June 2023	Total Enrollees July 2023
Longevity Health Founders, LLC	Longevity Health Plan (HMO)	655	654
Innovative Long Term Care Management, Inc.	Align Thrive (HMO)	456	471
UnitedHealth Group	Erickson Advantage Guardian (HMO – POS)	138	146
	Total	1,249	1,271

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 **1,095,720 as of July 24, 2023 (the last day July numbers were available)**. This is an increase of **2,018 since June 26, 2023**. The enrollment count for July 24, 2023, is the highest ever for the program.



NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING

A proposed rule change relating to the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) has been introduced. There is a 60-day public comment period. The proposed changes focus on the non-quantitative treatment limits (NQTLs) related to network composition. The proposed rule implements changes made to MHPAEA by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.

The Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Treasury have released several documents related to the Act. The documents convey their concerns with how NQTLs related to network composition affect access to MH/SUD benefits and in turn to MH/SUD providers. They also note the growing disparity in reimbursement rates between in-network MH/SUD providers and M/S providers. Treasury also published a technical document that includes a request for public input on data submissions and potential enforcement issues related to the MHPAEA proposed rule changes.

MHPAEA applies to groups health plans, individual insurers offering group or individual coverage, Marketplace Qualified Health Plans, and Medicaid managed care plans and alternative benefits plans. It does not apply to Medicaid FFS, Medicare FFS or Medicare Advantage plans. The proposed changes will require data collection on all NQTLs and an impact analysis.

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 14 new policies issued in June.

- [MMP 23-47](#); Issued June 30, 2023; Supplemental Security Income (SSI)-Related Medicaid Asset Policy
- [MMP 23-46](#); Issued June 30, 2023; Weight Loss Surgical Procedures
- [MMP 23-45](#); Issued June 30, 2023; Change in Non-Routine Therapy Prior Authorization (PA) Requirements for Medicaid Beneficiaries Residing in a Nursing Facility
- [MMP 23-44](#); Issued June 30, 2023; Medicaid Asset Policy
- [MMP 23-43](#); Issued June 30, 2023; Revisions to High Frequency Chest Wall Oscillating (HFCWO) Device and Accessories Policy
- [MMP 23-42](#); Issued June 30, 2023; Provider Enrollment of Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)-Required Personal Care Services Providers
- [MMP 23-40](#); Issued June 9, 2023; Update to Reversal of Temporary COVID-19 MI Health Link (MHL) 1915c Waiver Appendix K Policies
- [MMP 23-41](#); Issued June 1, 2023; Plan First Family Planning Group
- [MMP 23-38](#); Issued June 1, 2023; Updates to the MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual
- [MMP 23-37](#); Issued June 1, 2023; Targeted Case Management Services for Recently Incarcerated Beneficiaries
- [MMP 23-36](#); Issued June 1, 2023; Plan First Family Planning Program





- [MMP 23-35](#); Issued June 1, 2023; Rural Emergency Hospital Reimbursement
- [MMP 23-33](#), issued June 1, 2023: Michigan Diabetes Prevention Program (MiDPP)
- [MMP 23-32](#), issued June 1, 2023: Financial Eligibility for PACE Program

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

- [2335-NEMT](#); Update to Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM) Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Policy
- [2329-CCBHC](#); Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Demonstration
- [2336-DMEPOS](#); Coverage of Microprocessor Prosthetic Knee-Shin Systems and Updates to Definitive Endoskeletal Below Knee Prosthetics Add-ons
- [2326-BH](#); Policy Updates to Behavior Treatment Review
- [2332-CHW](#); Medicaid Coverage of Community Health Worker (CHW)/Community Health Representative (CHR) Services
- [2256-BH](#); Policy Updates to the Habilitation Supports Waiver

MDHSHS did not release any Medicaid Provider L-Letters of potential interest in July, per their [website](#).

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