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### MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ENROLLMENT ACTIVITY

As of June 1, 2021, there were **2,145,957 Medicaid beneficiaries, including 750,313 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 11,242 since May 1, 2021. The number of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in HMOs increased by 5,831 and the number of non-HMP beneficiaries increased by 5,411.

As the table below illustrates, **managed care enrollment has grown significantly** over the last year and is **376,851 higher in June 2021 than in April 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 June 2021 is almost 212,000 higher than in April 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.

	April 2020	July 2020	Sept 2020	Dec 2020	Mar 2021	May 2021	June 2021
<b>All Medicaid Beneficiaries Enrolled</b>	<b>1,769,106</b>	<b>1,927,140</b>	<b>1,972,839</b>	<b>2,042,684</b>	<b>2,105,047</b>	<b>2,134,715</b>	<b>2,145,957</b>
• Total HMP Enrollees	538,346	621,998	651,134	688,468	728,739	744,482	750,313
• Total CSHCS/ Medicaid Enrollees	24,213	25,570	24,924	26,469	26,949	26,708	26,600
• Total Medicare/ Medicaid Enrollees (Duals)	38,934	41,168	41,446	45,244	45,965	46,776	47,199
• Total MIChild Enrollees	38,549	35,663	35,795	35,747	35,287	35,482	35,725

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 June 2021 the number of mandatory but not yet enrolled beneficiaries was 47,491 down from 48,123 in May 2021.

As the enrollment reports for May ([.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 June 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 June 2021 was 750,313 an increase of 5,831** over the count for May 2021. All Medicaid HMOs have HMP beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest HMP enrollment in June 2021 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with 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 **26,600 joint CSHCS/Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in June 2021, a decrease of 108** since May 2021. All Medicaid HMOs have CSHCS/Medicaid enrollees, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in May 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 **35,725 MiChild beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in June 2021**, an increase of 243 since May 2021. All Medicaid HMOs have MiChild beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary dramatically across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in June 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 **47,199 Medicaid beneficiaries dually eligible for Medicare (duals) enrolled in June 2021 in**





**Medicaid HMOs** for their acute care Medicaid benefits. As the table above reflects, the number of enrolled duals **increased by 423** between May 2021 and June 2021. All Medicaid HMOs have duals enrolled, although the numbers vary significantly across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in June 2021 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 29 percent of the total, Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 22 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 June 2021, the **MI Health Link enrollment total was 40,015**, an increase of 57 enrollees since May 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 June 2021 marks the highest enrollment count at 40,015 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

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

MI Health Link Enrollment	Upper Peninsula Region	SW MI Region	Macomb Region	Wayne Region	Total
Aetna Better Health of MI		3,144	979	3,575	<b>7,698</b>
AmeriHealth Michigan			679	2,321	<b>3,000</b>
HAP Empowered, Inc.			1,012	3,422	<b>4,434</b>
Meridian Health Plan of MI		5,004			<b>5,004</b>
MI Complete Health			834	2,352	<b>3,186</b>
Molina Healthcare of MI			2,184	10,217	<b>12,401</b>
Upper Peninsula Health Plan	4,292				<b>4,292</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,292</b>	<b>8,148</b>	<b>5,688</b>	<b>21,887</b>	<b>40,015</b>

The plans with the highest enrollment in June 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 almost 13 percent of the total number of enrollees.

During June 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 June 2021; about 22 percent of the total enrollees residing in nursing facilities were part of Aetna. Molina Healthcare of Michigan had about 20 percent of total enrollees residing in nursing facilities during June 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 are able to opt out of the demonstration at any time. Beneficiaries may also voluntarily enroll in the demonstration; and during June 2021, about 17 percent of the demonstration's participants were voluntarily enrolled.

MDHHS also reports that 61,919 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 71 Medicare enrollees in June 2021. Align Senior Care Michigan is offering a C-SNP focused on beneficiaries with dementia and had 11 enrollees in June. 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 20 enrollees in June 2021. Align is also offering an I-SNP and had 116 enrollees in June 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 June 1, 2021, these four D-SNPs had a combined enrollment of 44,170 duals for whom they provide Medicare services.



About 33 percent of the duals enrolled in a Michigan D-SNP (14,619 individuals) in June 2021 were enrolled with Molina; about 32 percent (13,932 individuals) were enrolled with Meridian; about 22 percent (9,811 individuals) were enrolled with UnitedHealthcare; and about 13 percent (5,808 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 18,748 enrollees in June 2021, Aetna had 1,203 enrollees, HAP had 345 enrollees, and Reliance had 193 enrollees. A fifth D-SNP, Longevity Health Plan of Michigan, appeared on a January 2021 federal report but with no enrollees, and still shows no enrollees for June 2021. These enrollment totals are not counted in the aforementioned 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 **923,139 as of June 28, 2021**, the last counting day of the month. This is an **increase of 9,316 since June 1, 2021**. The enrollment count for June 28, 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 four proposed policies that merit mention. They are available for review on the department's [website](#).

The [website](#) shows four final policies issued in June.

- MSA 21-21, issued June 23: COVID-19 Response: Coverage of U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for Monoclonal Antibody COVID-19 Infusions by Home Health Agencies
- MSA 21-13, issued June 15, 2021: Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Encounters and Provider Enrollment
- MSA 21-18, issued June 1, 2021: Updates to the Medicaid Provider Manual; Code Updates
- MSA 21-11, issued June 1, 2021: Medicaid Provider Manual Chapter for Community Transition Services

The [website](#) also shows 10 proposed policies for which the public comment period is still open.

- 2121-Practitioner: Coverage of Gender Affirmation Services
- 2131-Lab: Coverage of Rapid Whole Genome Sequencing (rWGS) Testing
- 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
- 2119-APM: Tribal 638 Facilities - Alternative Payment Methodology for Prescriptions
- 2122-BHDDA: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Demonstration
- 2128-PACE: Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Unmet Need Process
- 2125-Vision: Sample Ophthalmic Frames
- 2133-BHDDA: Peer Recovery Coach Certification
- 2103-BHDDA: Peer Support Specialist Certification
- 2123-DMEPOS: Billing Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Medical Supplies Delivered to Beneficiaries on the Day of Discharge from the Nursing Facility

In addition, MDHHS released 12 L-letters of potential interest, which are available for review on the same [website](#).

- L 21-52, issued June 29, 2021: Nursing Facility Quality Measure Initiative Resident Satisfaction Survey Data
- L 21-50, issued June 29, 2021: Conversion Therapy Services
- L 21-49, issued June 24, 2021: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Response to Philips recall of Bi-PAP, CPAP Bi-Level Positive Airway Pressure (Bi-PAP), and mechanical ventilator devices.
- L 21-48, issued June 25, 2021: Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Applications



- L 21-46, issued June 24, 2021: Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Demonstration
- L 21-45 issued June 21, 2021: Improving Immunization Rates for Pediatric and Adolescent Patients.
- L 21-43, issued June 1, 2021: Notice of July 14, 2021, Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies Medicaid Provider Liaison Meeting
- L 21-42, issued June 9, 2021: Hospital Rapid Whole Genome Sequencing (rWGS) Testing Reimbursement State Plan Amendment (SPA)
- L 21-38, issued June 8, 2021: Enrollment of Genetic Counselors
- L 21-39, issued June 21, 2021: COVID-19 Response: Premium Pay for Adult Foster Care and Homes for the Aged
- L 21-38: issued, June 8, 2021: Enrollment of Genetic Counselors
- L 21-37, issued June 17, 2021: Long Term Supports and Services (LTSS) COVID-19 Response: Additional Guidance on the Level of Care Determination (LOCD) for Medicaid-Certified Nursing Facility and Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)
- L 21-36, issued June 17, 2021: Long Term Supports and Services (LTSS) COVID-19 Response: Additional Guidance on the Level of Care Determination (LOCD) for MI Choice and MI Health Link Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver





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