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MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ENROLLMENT ACTIVITY

As of March 1, 2022, there were **2,211,377 Medicaid beneficiaries, including 773,568 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 16,506** since February 1, 2022. The number of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in HMOs increased by 7,642 and the number of non-HMP beneficiaries increased by 8,864. As the table below illustrates, **managed care enrollment continues to grow and is 106,330 higher in March 2022 than in March 2021.**

The count of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in the nine Michigan Medicaid Health Plans (HMOs) in March 2022 is **44,829** more than in March 2021. 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 requirement that the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to temporarily discontinue annual eligibility redeterminations and case closures.

	Mar 2021	May 2021	July 2021	Sept 2021	Nov. 2021	Feb. 2022	Mar. 2022
All Medicaid Beneficiaries Enrolled	2,105,047	2,134,715	2,155,996	2,179,618	2,185,471	2,194,871	2,211,377
• Total HMP Enrollees	728,739	744,482	754,632	765,889	759,887	765,926	773,568
• Total CSHCS/ Medicaid Enrollees	26,949	26,708	26,435	26,135	26,134	26,567	26,613
• Total Medicare/ Medicaid Enrollees (Duals)	45,965	46,776	47,574	48,240	48,508	47,148	46,882
• Total MICHild Enrollees	35,287	35,482	36,622	36,772	36,211	35,592	35,921

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 March 2022 the number of mandatory but not yet enrolled beneficiaries was 45,865, down** from 59,857 in February 2022.





As the enrollment reports for March ([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 March 2022 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 25 percent of the total, Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 18 percent, Blue Cross Complete of Michigan with about 15 percent of the total number of enrollees, and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan with about 14 percent.

Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP)

The **total count of HMP enrollees in the Medicaid HMOs in March 2022 was 773,568 an increase of 7,642** over the count for February 2022. All Medicaid HMOs have HMP beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest HMP enrollment in March 2022 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 23 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 **26,613 joint CSHCS/Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in March 2022**, an increase of **46** since February 2022. All Medicaid HMOs have CSHCS/Medicaid enrollees, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in March 2022 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 21 percent of the total, Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 20 percent, and Blue Cross Complete with about 16 percent of the total number of enrollees.

MiChild

There were **35,921 MiChild beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in March 2022**, an increase of 329 since February 2022. All Medicaid HMOs have MiChild beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary dramatically across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in March were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 26 percent of the total, Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 15 percent, and Priority with 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 **46,882 Medicaid beneficiaries dually eligible for Medicare (duals) enrolled in March 2022 in Medicaid HMOs** for their acute care Medicaid benefits. The number of enrolled duals **decreased by 266** between February 2022 and March 2022. All Medicaid HMOs have duals enrolled, although the numbers vary significantly across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in March 2022 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 27 percent of the total, Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 21 percent, and UnitedHealthCare Community Plan with about 16 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 March 2022, the MI Health Link enrollment total was 38,588**, a decrease of **317** enrollees since February 2022.





The tables below illustrate MI Health Link enrollment by month from 2020 to the most current data. Enrollment fluctuations are clear although this is the third consecutive month with declining enrollment. The lowest count on the tables was in January 2020 when there were 36,647 enrollees; and the highest enrollment was in September 2021 with 41,941 enrollees.

Jan. 2020	Feb. 2020	March 2020	April 2020	May 2020	June 2020
36,647	37,575	37,006	36,864	37,675	37,898
July 2020	August 2020	Sept. 2020	Oct. 2020	Nov. 2020	Dec. 2020
38,473	39,206	39,055	39,269	39,889	39,799

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
39,362	38,905	38,588

There are seven ICOs serving one or more of the demonstration regions. The table below provides enrollment information by region for each ICO for **March 2022**.

MI Health Link Enrollment	Upper Peninsula Region	SW MI Region	Macomb Region	Wayne Region	Total
Aetna Better Health of MI		2,993	980	3,393	7,366
AmeriHealth Michigan			640	2,182	2,822
HAP Empowered Health Plan			1,018	3,310	4,328
Meridian Health Plan of MI		4,763	889	2,274	7,926
MI Complete Health			7	13	20
Molina Healthcare of MI			2,115	9,732	11,847
Upper Peninsula Health Plan	4,279				4,279
Total	4,279	7,756	5,649	20,904	38,588

The plans with the highest enrollment in March 2022 were Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 31 percent of the total, Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 21 percent, and Aetna Better Health of Michigan with about 19 percent, and of the total number of enrollees.





During March 2022, 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 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 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 are able to opt out of the demonstration at any time. Beneficiaries may also voluntarily enroll in the demonstration; and during March 2022, about 27 percent of the demonstration’s participants were voluntarily enrolled.

MDHHS also reports that 59,751 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 continues to offer a C-SNP focused on Medicare beneficiaries with diabetes and had 82 Medicare enrollees in March 2022. Align Senior Care Michigan is offering a C-SNP focused on beneficiaries with dementia and had 13 enrollees in March 2022. Zing Health of Michigan is offering a C-SNP focused on beneficiaries with Cardiovascular Disorders, Chronic Heart Failure, and/or Diabetes and had 65 enrollees in March 2022. Align is also offering an I-SNP and had 203 enrollees in March 2022. Longevity Health Plan of Michigan is offering an I-SNP and had 377 enrollees in March 2022.





Several of the Medicaid HMOs in Michigan are also 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 are the only Medicaid-contracted health plans that do not offer a D-SNP product either directly or through a parent organization. Collectively, **the Medicaid health plans, and their parent organizations had a combined enrollment of 59,221 duals for whom they provided Medicare services in March 2022.**

About 29 percent of the duals enrolled in a Michigan D-SNP (17,294 individuals) in March 2022 were enrolled with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan; about 25 percent (14,707 individuals) were enrolled with Molina; about 24 percent (14,332 individuals) were enrolled in products through Meridian or its parent company, Centene; about 14 percent (8,126 individuals) were enrolled with Priority Health Choice; seven percent (4,152 individuals) were enrolled with Aetna Health Plan of Michigan (the parent organization of Medicaid-contracted Aetna Better Health of Michigan); and 610 individuals (just over one percent of the total) were enrolled with Health Alliance Plan (HAP) of Michigan, the parent organization of Medicaid-contracted HAP Empowered Health Plan. McLaren Health Plan also has an approved D-SNP for 2022 but federal reports do not show any enrollees in February. None of these duals are participating in the MI Health Link demonstration, but some may also be enrolled in the affiliated Medicaid HMOs to receive their Medicaid services.

In addition to these health plans, Humana Medical/Dental Plan and Humana Medical Plan of Michigan, as well as Reliance HMO, Inc. are also offering D-SNPs in Michigan. Humana's D-SNP products have a total enrollment of 25,734 enrollees in March 2022 and Reliance is serving 211 individuals. These enrollment totals are not counted in the aforementioned statistics because they are not Medicaid-contracted health plans.

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 **992,269 as of March 28, 2022. This is an increase of 5,351 since February 28, 2022. The enrollment count for March 28, 2022, is the highest ever for the program.**



MEDICAID POLICIES

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued several publications in December that are available for review on the department's [website](#).

The website shows four final policies issued since our last newsletter:

- HASA 22-06, issued March 2, 2022, Enrollment of Genetic Counselors
- HASA 22-07, March 1, 2022, Updates to the Medicaid Provider Manual
- HASA 22-05, March 1, 2022, Electronic Service Verification Changes Affecting Payment
- HASA 22-01, March 1, 2022, Peer Recovery Coach Certification

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

- 2206-DMEPOS: Changes to Blood Pressure Monitor Policy
- 2144-NF: Updates to the Nursing Facility Change of Ownership (CHOW) Process
- 2205-Hospital: Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Process Consolidation

MDHHS released five L-letters of potential interest, which are available for review on their [website](#).

- L 22-07: Wraparound Services
- L 22-01: Guide to Distributing and Documenting Mandated Home Help Agency Caregiver Pay Increases
- L 22-10: Direct Care Worker Premium Pay for April 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022
- L 22-13: Notice of April 20, 2022, Orthotics and Prosthetics Medicaid Provider Liaison Meeting
- L 22-04: Additional Guidance and Clarification for the Coverage of COVID-19 Prevention, Treatment, and Support Services.

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