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### MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ENROLLMENT ACTIVITY

As of March 1, 2024, there were **1,927,334 Medicaid beneficiaries, including 635,140 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 37,820** since February 1, 2024. The number of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in HMOs **decreased by 18,595** and the number of non-HMP beneficiaries **decreased by 19,225**.

The total number of Medicaid beneficiaries, including Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) beneficiaries enrolled in the nine Michigan Medicaid Plans in March 2024 is 362,422 less than in March 2023. The count of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in the nine Michigan Medicaid Health Plans (HMOs) in March 2024 is 169,732 less than March 2023.

	Mar 2023	May 2023	July 2023	Sept 2023	Nov 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024
<b>All Medicaid Beneficiaries Enrolled</b>	<b>2,289,756</b>	<b>2,310,207</b>	<b>2,314,313</b>	<b>2,209,795</b>	<b>2,092,146</b>	<b>1,965,154</b>	<b>1,927,334</b>
• Total HMP Enrollees	804,872	814,612	816,498	769,236	718,242	653,735	635,140
• Total CSHCS/ Medicaid Enrollees	28,141	28,648	28,859	28,574	27,505	27,220	27,063
• Total Medicare/ Medicaid Enrollees (Duals)	44,243	43,508	42,823	41,141	39,828	35,996	34,446
• Total MICHild Enrollees	35,956	35,967	36,317	38,127	41,831	42,029	43,610

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 March 2024, the number of mandatory but not yet enrolled beneficiaries was 61,448– down from 64,226** in February 2024.

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 2024 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 22 percent of the total (443,307enrollees), Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 18 percent (341,550 enrollees), Blue Cross Complete of Michigan with about 16 percent of the total number of enrollees (304,201), and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan with about 14 percent (268,599 enrollees).





*Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP)*

The **total count of HMP enrollees in the Medicaid HMOs declined in March 2024 for the eighth consecutive month, reflecting the impacts of restarting redeterminations, after increases for the first seven months of 2023. March's count was 635,140 which is a decrease of 18,595** from February 2024. All Medicaid HMOs have HMP beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest HMP enrollment in March 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 16 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 **27,063 joint CSHCS/Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in March 2024**, a decrease of 157 since February 2024. All Medicaid HMOs have CSHCS/Medicaid enrollees, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in March 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 **43,610 MiChild beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in March 2024**, an increase of 1,581 since February 2024. 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 24 percent of the total, Molina Healthcare of Michigan, and Priority Health each with about 16 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 **34,446 Medicaid beneficiaries dually eligible for Medicare (duals) enrolled in March 2024 in Medicaid HMOs** for their Medicaid benefits. The number of enrolled duals **decreased by 1,550** between February 2024 and March 2024. All Medicaid HMOs have duals enrolled, although the numbers vary significantly across plans. Molina Healthcare of Michigan had about 21 percent, Meridian Health Plan of Michigan, and UnitedHealthCare Community Plan each 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 March 2024, the MI Health Link enrollment total was 34,935** a decrease of **1,556 enrollees** since February 2024.

The tables below illustrate MI Health Link enrollment by month from 2022 to the most current data. Enrollment fluctuations are clear. Enrollment numbers for this month are the lowest over the past 27 months with 34,935 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

Jan. 2024	Feb. 2024	Mar. 2023
37,657	36,491	34,935





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

MI Health Link Enrollment	Upper Peninsula Region	SW MI Region	Macomb Region	Wayne Region	Total
Aetna Better Health of MI		3,072	1,476	3,719	8,267
AmeriHealth Michigan			656	2,065	2,721
HAP CareSource			991	2,965	3,956
Meridian Health Plan of MI		2,846	769	2,141	5,756
Molina Healthcare of MI			1,890	8,053	9,943
Upper Peninsula Health Plan	4,292				4,292
<b>Total</b>	4,292	5,918	5,782	18,943	34,935

The plans with the highest enrollment in March 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 16 percent of the total number of enrollees.

During March 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 March 2024, about 28 percent of the demonstration’s participants were voluntarily enrolled.

MDHHS also reports 65,099 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.





## IMPACT OF MEDICAID REDETERMINATIONS

With the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), states returned to annual eligibility redeterminations for Medicaid coverage. During the PHE states received increased federal financial participation in exchange for ensuring continuous enrollment. This move not only helped millions of people maintain health coverage, but also provided important financial support to states. Understandably, Medicaid enrollment soared to an all-time high. By some reports, total Medicaid enrollment in Michigan was as high 3.2 million in April 2023. Continuous enrollment, or the hold on annual eligibility determinations, contributed to this growth.

Managed care enrollment in April 2023 was 2,307,983 which is approximately 72% which has been consistent. As of March 2024, managed care enrollment is 1,927,334, which is a reduction of 380,649. This suggests a total Medicaid enrollment reduction of slightly more than 500,000 individuals (based on 72% enrollment in Managed Care). This is consistent with published reports of how many individuals have lost Medicaid coverage in Michigan since the end of continuous enrollment.

This level of dis-enrollment was expected. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has made significant efforts to reduce the impact of restarting annual redeterminations. To learn more about MDHHS efforts, consult the MDHSS website [MDHHS renews Medicaid for another 142,000, bringing total to more than 1.4 million \(michigan.gov\)](#). Data on enrollment and redeterminations is changing regularly. This site explains how MDHHS is also working to restore Medicaid when appropriate.

Parent Organization	Plan Name	Total Enrollees Feb. 2024	Total Enrollees Mar. 2024
Humana Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Humana Choice (PPO)</li> <li>Humana Choice (PPO)</li> <li>Humana Gold Plus (HMO)</li> </ul>	52,021	52,963
UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UHC Dual Complete MI (PPO)</li> <li>UHC Dual Complete MI (HMO-POS)</li> <li>UHC Dual Complete MI (HMO-POS)</li> </ul>	43,539	43,705
Centene Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wellcare Complete Dual Access (HMO)</li> <li>Wellcare Dual Access Open (PPO)</li> <li>Wellcare Dual Access (HMO)</li> <li>Wellcare All Dual Assure (HMO)</li> </ul>	12,667	12,524
Molina Healthcare, Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Molina Medicare Complete Care (HMO)</li> <li>Molina Medicare Complete Care Select (HMO)</li> </ul>	12,619	12,464
Corewell Health (Priority Health Choice, Inc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Priority Medicare D-SNP (HMO)</li> <li>Priority Medicare D-SNP Advantage (HMO)</li> </ul>	10,966	10,988
CVS Health Corporation	Aetna Medicare Assure Premier (HMO)	15,633	17,370
Henry Ford Health System (Health Alliance Plan)	HAP Medicare Complete Duals (HMO)	685	682
McLaren Health Care Corporation	McLaren Medicare Inspire Duals (HMO)	484	494
Commonwealth Care Alliance	CCA Medicare Maximum (HMO)	478	464





Zing Health Consolidator, Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zing Dual Complete Select MI (HMO)</li> <li>• Zing Dual Complete Open Choice MI (PPO)</li> </ul>	368	362
<b>Total</b>		<b>149,460</b>	<b>152,016</b>

*Chronic Condition Special Needs Plan (C-SNP)*

There are seven C-SNP plans in the Michigan market as of March 2024.

HumanaChoice – Diabetes and Heart has the highest number of enrollees (4,669), Zing Select Diabetes & Heart MI had 476 enrollees in March 2024.

Parent Organization	Plan Name	Specialty Diseases	Total Enrollees Feb. 2024	Total Enrollees Mar. 2024
Humana Inc.	HumanaChoice – Diabetes and Heart (PPO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cardiovascular disorders</li> <li>• Chronic heart failure</li> <li>• Diabetes</li> </ul>	4,086	<b>4,669</b>
Zing Health Consolidator, Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zing Select Diabetes &amp; Heart MI (HMO)</li> <li>• Zing Open Choice Diabetes &amp; Heart MI (PPO)</li> <li>• Zing ESRD Select MI (HMO)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cardiovascular disorders</li> <li>• Chronic heart failure</li> <li>• Diabetes</li> <li>• End Stage Renal Disease</li> </ul>	510	585
UnitedHealth Group, Inc. (Sierra Health and Life Insurance Company)	Erickson Advantage Champion (HMO – POS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cardiovascular disorders</li> <li>• Chronic Heart Failure</li> <li>• Diabetes</li> </ul>	325	308
Innovative Long Term Care Management, Inc. (Align Senior Care MI, LLC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Memory Care (HMO)</li> <li>• Align Kidney Care (HMO)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dementia</li> <li>• End Stage Renal Disease</li> </ul>	116	116
<b>Total</b>			<b>5,037</b>	<b>5,678</b>

*Institutional Special Needs Plan (I-SNP)*

There are three I-SNPs in Michigan with a total of 1,731 enrollees as of March 2024. This is an increase of 327 since February 2024. Longevity Health Plan has the most enrollees (829) compared to Senior Care (626) and Erickson Advantage Guardian (159).

Parent Organization	Plan Name	Total Enrollees Feb. 2024	Total Enrollees Mar. 2024
Longevity Health Founders, LLC.	Longevity Health Plan (HMO)	829	849
Innovative Long Term Care Management, Inc. (Align Senior Care MI, LLC)	Senior Care (HMO)	626	731
UnitedHealth Group (Sierra Health and Life Insurance Company)	Erickson Advantage Guardian (HMO – POS)	159	151
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,614</b>	<b>1,731</b>







## 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 **842,577 as of March 25, 2024, the last counting day of the month. This is a decrease of 29,039 since February 26, 2024.**

## 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 department's [website](#) shows no new policies issued this month:

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

- 2353-Eligibility, Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA) Section 214
- 2406-DMEPOS, Prior Authorization Changes to Enteral Formulas/Enteral Supplies

MDHHS released four Medicaid Provider L-Letters of potential interest in March, per their [website](#).

- [L 24-10](#), Guaranteed Income Pilot Study Programs and Medicaid Eligibility
- [L 24-15](#), Notice of April 17, 2024, Prosthetic and Orthotic Medicaid Provider Liaison Meeting
- [L 24-16](#), Claim Completion Updates for Inpatient Hospital Rapid Whole Genome Sequencing Testing
- [L 24-17](#), Soft Launch of Electronic Visit Verification for Fee-for-Service Home Health Care Services

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