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MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ENROLLMENT ACTIVITY

As of May 1, 2023, there were **2,310,207 Medicaid beneficiaries, including 814,612 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 2,224** since April 1, 2023. The number of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in HMOs **increased by 1,065** and the number of non-HMP beneficiaries **increased by 1,159**. As the table below illustrates, while **managed care enrollment growth has slowed, it continues to grow and is 83,067 higher in May 2023 than in May 2022**.

The count of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in the nine Michigan Medicaid Health Plans (HMOs) in May 2023 is **36,207** more than in May 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. While it is expected that total enrollment will decrease as annual redeterminations are completed, it is not clear by how much.

	May 2022	July 2022	Sept 2022	Nov 2022	Jan 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023
All Medicaid Beneficiaries Enrolled	2,227,140	2,239,913	2,256,765	2,274,722	2,281,381	2,307,983	2,310,207
• Total HMP Enrollees	778,405	782,520	788,228	794,457	799,826	813,547	814,612
• Total CSHCS/ Medicaid Enrollees	27,055	27,387	27,537	27,712	27,730	28,640	28,648
• Total Medicare/ Medicaid Enrollees (Duals)	47,126	47,433	47,527	47,651	45,258	43,838	43,508
• Total MICHild Enrollees	35,855	35,897	36,006	36,007	36,010	36,250	35,967

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 May 2023 the number of mandatory but not yet enrolled beneficiaries was 43,201 – down from 50,005 in April 2023.**

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 May 2023 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 24 percent of the total (554,241 enrollees), Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 17 percent (401,146 enrollees), Blue Cross Complete of Michigan with about 16 percent of the total number of enrollees (359,755), and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan with about 14 percent (313,847).

Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP)

The **total count of HMP enrollees in the Medicaid HMOs in May 2023 was 814,612 an increase of 1,065** over the count for April 2023. All Medicaid HMOs have HMP beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest HMP enrollment in May 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 **28,648 joint CSHCS/Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in May 2023**, an increase of **8** since April 2023. All Medicaid HMOs have CSHCS/Medicaid enrollees, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in May 2023 were Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 20 percent, Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 18 percent and Blue Cross Complete with about 17 percent of the total number of enrollees.

MiChild

There were **35,967 MiChild beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in May 2023**, a decrease of 283 since April 2023. All Medicaid HMOs have MiChild beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary dramatically across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in May were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 25 percent of the total, and Priority 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 **43,508 Medicaid beneficiaries dually eligible for Medicare (duals) enrolled in May 2023 in Medicaid HMOs** for their acute care Medicaid benefits. The number of enrolled duals **decreased by 330** between April 2023 and May 2023. All Medicaid HMOs have duals enrolled, although the numbers vary significantly across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in May 2023 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 23 percent of the total, Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 21 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 May 2023, the MI Health Link enrollment total was 44,216** an increase of **183 enrollees** since April 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
42,501	42,066	41,319	44,033	44,216

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

MI Health Link Enrollment	Upper Peninsula Region	SW MI Region	Macomb Region	Wayne Region	Total
Aetna Better Health of MI		3,421	1,672	4,535	9,628
AmeriHealth Michigan			805	2,500	3,305
HAP Empowered Health Plan			1,159	3,597	4,756
Meridian Health Plan of MI		4,964	995	3,137	9,096
Molina Healthcare of MI			2,320	10,341	12,661
Upper Peninsula Health Plan	4,770				4,770
Total	4,770	8,385	6,951	24,110	44,216

The plans with the highest enrollment in May 2023 were Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 29 percent of the total, Aetna Better Health of Michigan with about 22 percent, and Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 21 percent of the total number of enrollees.

During May 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 May 2023, about 25 percent of the demonstration's participants were voluntarily enrolled.

MDHHS also reports 61,932 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 May 2023, there are a total of 124,495 Michigan enrollees in various Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plans (SNPs). This is an increase of 4,827 over April 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 May 2023, there are 18 D-SNPs in the Michigan market with a total of 122,516 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 (22,438) and Humana Gold Plus (17,554). New to the Michigan D-SNP market, Zing Health's Dual Complete Plus MI plan has 37 enrollees.

Parent Organization	Plan	Total Enrollees Apr 2023	Total Enrollees May 2023
Humana, Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humana Choice (PPO) • Humana Gold Plus (HMO) 	37,594	39,992
UnitedHealth Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UnitedHealthcare Dual Complete Choice (PPO) • UnitedHealthcare Dual Complete (HMO) • UnitedHealthcare Dual Complete Select (HMO) 	32,910	35,231
Centene (formerly Meridian Health Plan of Michigan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellcare Dual Access Open (PPO) • Wellcare Dual Access (HMO) 	14,093	13,819
Molina Healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molina Medicare Complete Care (HMO) • Molina Medicare Complete Care Select (HMO) 	13,445	13,283
Corewell Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority Medicare D-SNP (HMO) • Priority Medicare D-SNP + Kroger (HMO) 	10,615	10,695
CVS Health Corporation	Aetna Medicare Assure Premier (HMO)	7,683	7,815
Henry Ford Health System/Health Alliance Plan	HAP Medicare Complete Duals (HMO)	673	665
McLaren Health Care Corporation	McLaren Medicare Inspire Duals (HMO)	348	360
Commonwealth Care Alliance	CCA Medicare Maximum (HMO)	326	340
Centene Corporation	Ascension Complete Michigan D-SNP (HMO)	309	279
Zing Health	Zing Dual Complete Plus MI (HMO)	39	37
Total		118,035	122,516

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 May 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 769 enrollees in May 2023.

Erickson Advantage Champion has the highest number of enrollees (536), 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 May, these plans did not have any enrollees.

Parent Organization	Health Plan	Specialty Diseases	Total Enrollees April 2023	Total Enrollees May 2023
UnitedHealth Group	Erickson Advantage Champion (HMO – POS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiovascular disorders • Chronic heart failure • Diabetes 	577	536
Zing Health	Zing Essential Wellness Diabetes and Heart MI (HMO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiovascular disorders • Chronic heart failure • Diabetes 	142	162
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 	54	71
		Total	773	769

Institutional Special Needs Plan (I-SNP)

There are three I-SNPs in Michigan with a total of 1,210 enrollees as of May 2023. This is an increase of 133 since April 2023. Longevity Health Plan has the most enrollees (641) compared to Align Thrive (438) and Erickson Advantage Guardian (131).

Parent Organization	Plan	Total Enrollees April 2023	Total Enrollees May 2023
Longevity Health Founders, LLC	Longevity Health Plan (HMO)	522	641
Innovative Long Term Care Management, Inc.	Align Thrive (HMO)	421	438
UnitedHealth Group	Erickson Advantage Guardian (HMO – POS)	134	131
	Total	1,077	1,210

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 **1,089,289 as of May 30, 2023. This is an increase of 7,564 since April 25, 2023. The enrollment count for May 30, 2023, is the highest ever for the program.**

PHE UNWINDING

With the end of the Public Health Emergency, various changes made to Medicaid during the PHE are now ending. Of particular interest is the re-establishment of annual eligibility determinations. During the COVID-19 pandemic, states were incentivized to maintain continuous enrollment in Medicaid due to both health and economic impacts of the pandemic. Beginning in April of this year, states are required to once again verify individual's eligibility for Medicaid. This presents two distinct challenges: first, many individuals will no longer be eligible, and it is important to assist them in obtaining other coverage, likely through the ACA funded Marketplace. Second, many individuals who are still eligible for Medicaid may lose their coverage due to failure to respond to information requests from the state. This may be due to inaccurate contact information, failure to comply, or failure to understand the requirements, among other reasons. MDHHS, as well as other state Medicaid programs, have established communication plans to help spread information and encourage widespread participation. States have included Medicaid partners, such as health plans, providers, associations, and advocates in these plans as well. For more information on Michigan's implementation of the "unwinding," see their website [2023 Benefit Changes \(michigan.gov\)](https://www.michigan.gov/2023-Benefit-Changes).

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 five new final policies issued in May.

- [MMP 23-29](#), issued May 1, 2023: Resuming Renewals for all Medicaid Programs
- [MMP 23-31](#), issued May 1, 2023: Revisions to Continuous Glucose Monitoring Systems (CGMS) Policy
- [MMP 23-18](#), issued May 1, 2023: Update to Coverage of Professional Hospital Outpatient Observation Care Services
- [MMP 23-34](#), issued May 10, 2023: Reversal of Temporary COVID-19 Options for the Use of Nursing Facility Beds
- [MMP 23-39](#), issued May 30, 2023: Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF)

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

- [2328-NF](#): Reversal of Temporary COVID-19 Options for the Use of Nursing Facility Beds
- [2319-Practitioner](#): Weight Loss Surgical Procedures
- [2324-Eligibility](#): Supplemental Security Income (SSI)-Related Medicaid Asset Policy
- [2325-PRTF](#): Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF)

MDHSHS released eight L-Letters of potential interest, which are available on their [website](#).

- [L 23-41](#): Notice of June 14, 2023, Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies Medicaid Provider Liaison Meeting
- [L 23-40](#): Nursing Facility Quality Measure Initiative Resident Satisfaction Survey Data
- [L 23-39](#): Clarification of Medication Therapy Management (MTM) Billing Requirements and Language
- [L 23-38](#): MI Choice Waiver Renewal
- [L 23-37](#): Therapy for School-Aged Beneficiaries
- [L 23-36](#): Notice of Intent to Submit a Section 1915(b) Waiver Renewal Application for the Comprehensive Health Care Program (CHCP)
- [L 23-35](#): Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Temporary Extension to the Disaster Relief Policies for COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) Specific to In-Person Premium Payments for Skilled Nursing Facilities, Adult Foster Care Homes, and Homes for the Aged
- [L 23-34](#): Clarification on Medicaid Policy Related to the Reimbursement of Services for Children with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (IDD) who are Residing in a Child Caring Institution (CCI)
- [L 23-33](#): Notice of Intent to Submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) Request to Continue the In-Person Premium Payment Beyond the Public Health Emergency (PHE) for Behavioral Health Treatment Behavior Technician Services

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