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MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ENROLLMENT ACTIVITY

As of October 1, 2022, there were **2,265,187 Medicaid beneficiaries, including 791,115 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 8,422** since September 1, 2022. The number of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in HMOs increased by 2,887 and the number of non-HMP beneficiaries increased by 5,535. As the table below illustrates, while **managed care enrollment growth has slowed, it continues to grow and is 85,569 higher in October 2022 than in October 2021.**

The count of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in the nine Michigan Medicaid Health Plans (HMOs) in October 2022 is **24,583** more than in October 2021. 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 is currently refining plans for re-initiating the determinations when the public health emergency ends. It is uncertain how swiftly the impact on enrollment will be felt. It is also uncertain how potential changes in the economy will continue to impact enrollment.

	Oct 2021	Dec 2021	Feb 2022	Apr 2022	June 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2022
All Medicaid Beneficiaries Enrolled	2,179,618	2,186,670	2,194,871	2,218,585	2,236,945	2,256,765	2,265,187
• Total HMP Enrollees	766,532	762,001	765,926	776,376	782,396	788,228	791,115
• Total CSHCS/Medicaid Enrollees	26,186	26,233	26,567	26,775	27,299	27,537	27,628
• Total Medicare/Medicaid Enrollees (Duals)	48,168	48,638	47,148	47,178	47,229	47,527	47,548
• Total MICHild Enrollees	36,650	36,103	35,592	35,967	35,971	36,006	35,922

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 October 2022 the number of mandatory but not yet enrolled beneficiaries was 49,445 down** from 50,945 in September 2022.

As the enrollment reports for October ([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 October 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 13 percent.

Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP)

The **total count of HMP enrollees in the Medicaid HMOs in October 2022 was 791,115 an increase of 2,887** over the count for September 2022. All Medicaid HMOs have HMP beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest HMP enrollment in October 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 **27,628 joint CSHCS/Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in October 2022**, an increase of **91** since September 2022. All Medicaid HMOs have CSHCS/Medicaid enrollees, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in October 2022 was Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 20 percent, Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 19 percent and Blue Cross Complete with about 16 percent of the total number of enrollees.

MiChild

There were **35,922 MiChild beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in October 2022**, a decrease of 84 since September 2022. All Medicaid HMOs have MiChild beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary dramatically across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in October 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 **47,548 Medicaid beneficiaries dually eligible for Medicare (duals) enrolled in October 2022 in Medicaid HMOs** for their acute care Medicaid benefits. The number of enrolled duals **increased by 21** between September 2022 and October 2022. All Medicaid HMOs have duals enrolled, although the numbers vary significantly across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in October 2022 were





Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 26 percent of the total, Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 21 percent, and UnitedHealthCare Community Plan with about 17 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 October 2022, the MI Health Link enrollment total was 44,694**, an increase of **1,581** enrollees since September 2022.

The tables below illustrate MI Health Link enrollment by month from 2020 to the most current data. Enrollment fluctuations are clear with September being the second consecutive month of increased enrollment following three straight months of decreases. The lowest count on the tables was in January 2020 when there were 36,647 enrollees; October 2022 marks the highest enrollment with 44,694 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	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		
40,306	42,622	43,113	44,694		





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

MI Health Link Enrollment	Upper Peninsula Region	SW MI Region	Macomb Region	Wayne Region	Total
Aetna Better Health of MI		3,501	1,567	4,541	9,609
AmeriHealth Michigan			817	2,569	3,386
HAP Empowered Health Plan			1,128	3,599	4,727
Meridian Health Plan of MI		5,213	912	3,055	9,180
Molina Healthcare of MI			2,405	10,696	13,101
Upper Peninsula Health Plan	4691				4,691
Total	4,691	8,714	6,829	24,460	44,694

The plans with the highest enrollment in October 2022 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 October 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 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.

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 October 2022, about 24 percent of the demonstration’s participants were voluntarily enrolled.

MDHHS also reports that 51,627 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). 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 85 Medicare enrollees in October 2022. Align Senior Care Michigan is offering a C-SNP focused on beneficiaries with dementia and had 22 enrollees in October 2022. Zing Health of Michigan is offering a C-SNP focused on beneficiaries with Cardiovascular Disorders, Chronic Heart Failure, and/or Diabetes and had 83 enrollees in October 2022. Align is also offering an I-SNP and had 285 enrollees in October 2022. Longevity Health Plan of Michigan is offering an I-SNP and had 547 enrollees in October 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 67,997 duals for whom they provided Medicare services in October 2022.**

About 35 percent of the duals enrolled in a Michigan D-SNP (23,754 individuals) in October 2022 were enrolled with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan; about 21 percent (14,385 individuals) were enrolled with Molina; about 20 percent (13,510 individuals) were enrolled in products through Meridian or its parent company, Centene; about 14 percent (9,451 individuals) were enrolled with Priority Health Choice; 9 percent (6,083 individuals) were enrolled with Aetna Health Plan of Michigan (the parent organization of Medicaid-contracted Aetna Better Health of Michigan); and 612 individuals (1 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 and has 202 enrollees in September 2022. 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 28,517 enrollees in October 2022 and Reliance is serving 204 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.

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 **1,036,276 as of October 31, 2022. This is an increase of 8,204 since September 26, 2022. The enrollment count for October 31, 2022, is the highest ever for the program.**

MEDICAID POLICIES

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

The [website](#) shows two final policies issued since our last newsletter:

- MMP 22-33, issued October 5 2022: Update to Primary Care Incentive
- MMP 22-34, issued October 3: Rate Update for Neonatal and Pediatric Critical Care and Intensive Care Services

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

- [2249-DMEPOS](#): Reversal of Temporary COVID-19 Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Policies
- [2246-MIHP](#): Maternal Infant Health Program Telehealth
- [2245-Practitioner](#): Updates to the Coverage of Routine Patient Costs for Items and Services Associated with Participation in a Qualifying Clinical Trial
- [2244-PE](#): New Enrollment Option for Medicare Provider Submission of Dual Eligible Cost-Sharing Only Claims
- [2242-Hospital](#): Outpatient Hospital and Ambulatory Surgical Center Dental Reimbursement Increase
- [2241-BH](#): Medicaid Coverage of Services Performed by Behavioral Health Program Graduates
- [2240-Hearing](#): Update to Hearing Aid Dispensing Services Package and Rates
- [2238-EPSTD](#): Update of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSTD) Medicaid Policy per the Release of the 2022 American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Periodicity Schedule
- [2237-Dental](#): Changes to Dental Sealant Coverage



- [2236-DMEPOS](#): Revisions to Pneumatic Compressors and Appliances (Lymphedema Pumps) Policy
- [2235-Practitioner](#): Rate Update for Neonatal and Pediatric Critical Care and Intensive Care Services
- [2234-Practitioner](#): Update to Primary Care Incentive
- [2232-HH](#): Home Help Payments on the Date of Hospital Admission
- [2229-Eligibility](#): Coverage of Out-of-State Former Foster Care
- [2225-HCBS](#): Appeals for Involuntary Discharges for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Programs
- [2224-NEMT](#): Rescinding COVID-19 Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Flexibilities
- [2221-CSHCS](#): Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Limited Refund of Payment Agreement Enrollment Fees
- [2210-Doula](#): Medicaid Coverage of Doula Services

MDHSHS released five L-Letters of potential interest, all of which are available on their website.

- [L22-58](#): Reimbursement of Hearing Aid Dispensing Services
- [L 22-56](#): Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Response to Address COVID-19 Public Health Emergency - Nursing Facility Rate Setting Fiscal Year (FY) 2023
- [L 22-54](#): Plan First! New Family Planning Eligibility Group
- [L 22-53](#): Private Duty Nursing (PDN) Reimbursement Change
- [L 22-52](#): COVID-19 Response: Application Period for COVID Relief (CF) Facilities to Treat COVID-19 Residents Requiring Nursing Facility (NF) Care in Limited Circumstances





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