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### MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ENROLLMENT ACTIVITY

As of November 1, 2021, there were **2,177,633 Medicaid beneficiaries, including 759,887 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 7,838** since October 1, 2021. The number of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in HMOs decreased by 6,645 and the number of non-HMP beneficiaries decreased by 1,193. However, as the table below illustrates, **managed care enrollment has grown significantly** over the last year and is **147,614 higher in November 2021 than in November 2020**.

While HMP enrollment dropped more than non-HMP enrollment in November, still 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 nine Michigan Medicaid Health Plans (HMOs) in November 2021 is **79,234 higher** than in November 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.

	Nov. 2020	Jan. 2021	Mar. 2021	May 2021	July 2021	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2021
<b>All Medicaid Beneficiaries Enrolled</b>	<b>2,030,019</b>	<b>2,066,337</b>	<b>2,105,047</b>	<b>2,134,715</b>	<b>2,155,996</b>	<b>2,185,471</b>	<b>2,177,633</b>
• Total HMP Enrollees	680,653	703,821	728,739	744,482	754,632	766,532	759,887
• Total CSHCS/ Medicaid Enrollees	45,021	45,122	45,965	46,776	47,574	48,168	48,508
• Total Medicare/ Medicaid Enrollees (Duals)	26,345	26,645	26,949	26,708	26,435	26,186	26,134
• Total MICHild Enrollees	35,785	35,713	35,287	35,482	36,622	36,650	36,211

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 November 2021 the number of mandatory but not yet enrolled beneficiaries was 49,641** down from 52,881 in October 2021.

As the enrollment reports for November ([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 November 2021 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 26 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 November 2021 was 759,887 a decrease of 6,645** over the count for October 2021. All Medicaid HMOs have HMP beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest HMP enrollment in November 2021 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 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 **26,134 joint CSHCS/Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in November 2021**, a decrease of **52** since October 2021. All Medicaid HMOs have CSHCS/Medicaid enrollees, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in November 2021 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 22 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 **36,211 MiChild beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in November 2021**, a decrease of 439 since October 2021. All Medicaid HMOs have MiChild beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary dramatically across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in November were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 26 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 **48,508 Medicaid beneficiaries dually eligible for Medicare (duals) enrolled in November 2021 in Medicaid HMOs** for their acute care Medicaid benefits. The number of enrolled duals **increased by 340** between October 2021 and November 2021. All Medicaid HMOs have duals enrolled, although the





numbers vary significantly across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in November 2021 were Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 29 percent of the total, Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 21 percent, and UnitedHealthCare Community Plan with about 15 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 November 2021, the MI Health Link enrollment total was 41,512**, an increase of **195** enrollees since October 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 the highest enrollment was in September 2021 with 41,941 enrollees.

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. 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





<b>Jan. 2021</b>	<b>Feb. 2021</b>	<b>March 2021</b>	<b>April 2021</b>	<b>May 2021</b>	<b>June 2021</b>
39,250	39,374	39,150	39,934	39,958	40,015
<b>July 2021</b>	<b>Aug. 2021</b>	<b>Sept. 2021</b>	<b>Oct. 2021</b>	<b>Nov. 2021</b>	
40,260	40,294	41,941	41,317	41,512	

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

<b>MI Health Link Enrollment</b>	<b>Upper Peninsula Region</b>	<b>SW MI Region</b>	<b>Macomb Region</b>	<b>Wayne Region</b>	<b>Total</b>
Aetna Better Health of MI		3,243	1,037	3,693	<b>7,973</b>
AmeriHealth Michigan			692	2,373	<b>3,065</b>
HAP Empowered, Inc.			1,062	3,428	<b>4,490</b>
Meridian Health Plan of MI		5,110			<b>5,110</b>
MI Complete Health			967	2,660	<b>3,627</b>
Molina Healthcare of MI			2,261	10,506	<b>12,767</b>
Upper Peninsula Health Plan	4,480				<b>4,480</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,480</b>	<b>8,353</b>	<b>6,019</b>	<b>22,660</b>	<b>41,512</b>

The plans with the highest enrollment in November 2021 were Molina Healthcare of Michigan with about 31 percent of the total, Aetna Better Health of Michigan with about 19 percent, and Meridian Health Plan of Michigan with about 12 percent of the total number of enrollees.

During November 2021, about 94 percent of the MI Health Link enrollees were living in a community setting, and the remaining 6 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.

While all plans have enrollees receiving care in facilities, including nursing facilities, Aetna Better Health of Michigan had the largest share during November 2021; about 22 percent of those enrollees residing in facilities were part of Aetna. Molina Healthcare of Michigan had about 20 percent of those enrollees in a facility during November 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 November 2021, about 18 percent of the demonstration’s participants were voluntarily enrolled.





MDHHS also reports that 63,196 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 82 Medicare enrollees in November 2021. Align Senior Care Michigan is offering a C-SNP focused on beneficiaries with dementia and had 12 enrollees in November 2021. 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 61 enrollees in November 2021. Align is also offering an I-SNP and had 104 enrollees in November 2021. Longevity Health Plan of Michigan is also offering an I-SNP and had 177 enrollees in November 2021.

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 November 1, 2021, these four D-SNPs had a combined enrollment of 48,800 duals** for whom they provide Medicare services.

About 32 percent of the duals enrolled in a Michigan D-SNP (15,740 individuals) in November 2021 were enrolled with Meridian; almost 31 percent (14,756 individuals) were enrolled with Molina; about 24 percent (11,800 individuals) were enrolled with UnitedHealthcare; and about 13 percent (6,504 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 21,635 enrollees in November 2021, Aetna had 1,841 enrollees, HAP had 427 enrollees, and Reliance had 181 enrollees. 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 **961,289 as of November 29, 2021**, the last counting day of the month. **This is an increase of 8,500 since October 25, 2021. The enrollment count for November 29, 2021 is the highest ever for the program.**

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## MEDICAID POLICIES

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

The [website](#) shows three final policies issued since our last newsletter.

- MSA 21-38, issued November 1, 2021: Peer Support Specialist Certification
- MSA 21-39, issued November 1, 2021: Establishment of Cost Reporting Requirements for Behavioral Health Service Providers Contracted/Affiliated with CMHSPs/PIHPs
- MSA 21-50, issued November 30, 2021: COVID-19 Response: Updates to COVID-19 Testing Coverage

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

- 4147-NF: COVID-19 Response: Changes to Non-available Bed Plan Policy
- 2143-Lab: COVID-19 Response: Updates to COVID-19 Testing Coverage

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

- L 21-70, issued November 16, COVID-19 Response: Update on Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Per Diem Rates, the Quality Assurance Supplement (QAS) Payments, and the facility lump sum payments for Nursing Facilities (NF)
- L 21-71, issued November 2, Medicaid Coverage of Services Associated with a Clinical Trial
- L 21-72, issued November 1, Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Process Consolidation





- L 21-73, issued November 22, Fiscal Year 2022 Provider Pay Increase
- L 21-74, issued November 22, Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Home Help Agency Caregiver Wage Increase
- L 21-75, issued November 10, Behavioral Health Home (BHH) Expansion
- L 21-76, issued November 16, Fiscal Year 2022 Direct Care Worker Wage Increase
- L 21-77, issued November 9, Intent to Remove Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) Benefit from the 1915(c) MI Health Link Waiver
- L 21-78, issued November 9, 2021, Intent to Remove Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) Benefit from the 1915(c) MI Health Link Waiver

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