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### MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ENROLLMENT ACTIVITY

As of October 1, 2021, there were **2,185,471 Medicaid beneficiaries, including 766,532 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 5,863** since September 1, 2021. The number of HMP beneficiaries enrolled in HMOs increased by 643 and the number of non-HMP beneficiaries increased by 5,210. As the table below illustrates, **managed care enrollment has grown significantly** over the last year and is **180,760 higher in October 2021 than in October 2020**.

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 October 2021 is **101,653 higher** than in October 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.

	Oct. 2020	Dec. 2020	Feb. 2021	Apr. 2021	June 2021	Sept. 2021	Oct. 2021
<b>All Medicaid Beneficiaries Enrolled</b>	<b>2,004,711</b>	<b>2,042,684</b>	<b>2,084,595</b>	<b>2,118,939</b>	<b>2,145,957</b>	<b>2,179,618</b>	<b>2,185,471</b>
• Total HMP Enrollees	664,879	688,468	718,103	735,650	750,313	765,889	766,532
• Total CSHCS/ Medicaid Enrollees	26,636	26,469	26,851	26,741	26,600	26,135	26,186
• Total Medicare/ Medicaid Enrollees (Duals)	44,483	45,244	45,642	46,327	47,199	48,240	48,168
• Total MICHild Enrollees	35,759	35,747	35,052	35,421	35,725	36,772	36,650

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 2021 the number of mandatory but not yet enrolled beneficiaries was 52,881** up from 47,354 in September 2021.

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 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 October 2021 was 766,532 an increase of 643** over the count for September 2021. All Medicaid HMOs have HMP beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest HMP enrollment in October 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 **26,186 joint CSHCS/Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in October 2021**, an increase of **51** since September 2021. All Medicaid HMOs have CSHCS/Medicaid enrollees, although the numbers vary across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in October 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 **36,650 MiChild beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid HMOs in October 2021**, a decrease of 122 since September 2021. All Medicaid HMOs have MiChild beneficiaries enrolled, although the numbers vary dramatically across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in September 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 **48,168 Medicaid beneficiaries dually eligible for Medicare (duals) enrolled in October 2021 in Medicaid HMOs** for their acute care Medicaid benefits. The number of enrolled duals **decreased by 72**







between September 2021 and October 2021. All Medicaid HMOs have duals enrolled, although the numbers vary significantly across plans. The plans with the highest enrollment in October 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 October 2021, the MI Health Link enrollment total was 41,317**, a decrease of **624** enrollees since September 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>		
40,260	40,294	41,941	41,317		

There are seven ICOs serving one or more of the demonstration regions. The table below provides enrollment information by region for each ICO for **October 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	1,038	3,707	<b>7,988</b>
AmeriHealth Michigan			683	2,365	<b>3,048</b>
HAP Empowered, Inc.			1,045	3,394	<b>4,439</b>
Meridian Health Plan of MI		5,074			<b>5,074</b>
MI Complete Health			959	2,668	<b>3,627</b>
Molina Healthcare of MI			2,244	10,438	<b>12,682</b>
Upper Peninsula Health Plan	4,459				<b>4,459</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,459</b>	<b>8,317</b>	<b>5,969</b>	<b>22,572</b>	<b>41,317</b>

The plans with the highest enrollment in October 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 October 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 nursing 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 October 2021; about 23 percent of those enrollees in a facility residing in nursing facilities were part of Aetna. Molina Healthcare of Michigan had about 20 percent of those enrollees in a facility residing in nursing facilities during October 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 October 2021, about 18 percent of the demonstration's participants were voluntarily enrolled.

MDHHS also reports that 63,395 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 81 Medicare enrollees in October 2021. Align Senior Care Michigan is offering a C-SNP focused on beneficiaries with dementia and had 12 enrollees in October 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 47 enrollees in October 2021. Align is also offering an I-SNP and had 106 enrollees in October 2021. Longevity Health Plan of Michigan is also offering an I-SNP and had 124 enrollees in October 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 October 1, 2021, these four D-SNPs had a combined enrollment of 47,675 duals for whom they provide Medicare services.

About 32 percent of the duals enrolled in a Michigan D-SNP (15,376 individuals) in October 2021 were enrolled with Meridian; almost 31 percent (14,670 individuals) were enrolled with Molina; about 24 percent (11,368 individuals) were enrolled with UnitedHealthcare; and about 13 percent (6,261 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 20,904 enrollees in October 2021, Aetna had 1,758 enrollees, HAP had 406 enrollees, and Reliance had 176



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 **952,789 as of October 25, 2021**, the last counting day of the month. **This is an increase of 4,5023 since September 27, 2021. The enrollment count for October 25, 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 October that are available for review on the department's website.

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

- MSA 21-28, issued September 30, 2021: Coverage of Gender Affirmation Services
- MSA 21-36, issued October 1, Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Unmet Need Process
- MSA 21-40, issued October 1, 2021: COVID-19 Response: Policy for COVID Relief (CR) Facilities to Treat COVID-19 Residents Requiring Nursing Facility Care in Limited Circumstances
- MSA 21-41, issued October 14, 2021: Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Encounters and Provider Enrollment
- MSA 21-42, issued October 1, 2021: COVID-19 Response: Clinic Reimbursement of COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Services Update
- MSA 21-43, issued October 26, 2021: COVID-19 Response: Changes to Non-available Bed Plan Policy

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

- 4147-NF: COVID-19 Response: Changes to Non-available Bed Plan Policy





- 2137-Clinic: Clinic Attending Provider Update
- 2129-EPSTD: Addition of a Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Infection Screening Recommendation per the 2021 American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Periodicity Schedule
- 2138-Clinic: COVID-19 Response: Clinic Reimbursement of COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Services Update
- 2141-NF: COVID-19 Response: Policy for COVID-Relief (CR) Facilities to Treat COVID-19 Residents Requiring Nursing Facility Care in Limited Circumstances
- 2134-THC: Change to Licensing Requirements for Indian Health Service (IHS) Facilities Operating Outpatient Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Programs
- 2139-Eligibility: Medicaid Asset Policy

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

- L 21-63, issued October 5, 2021: Community Transition Services
- L 21-66, issued October 18, 2021: Long Term Supports and Services (LTSS) COVID-19 Response: Level of Care Determination (LOCD) Reminders- Nursing Facilities, Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), MI Choice, and MI Health Link Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver
- L 21-68, issued October 21, 2021: Technical Updates to Third Party Liability and Coordination of Benefits
- L 21-69, issued October 21, 2021: Program for the All-Inclusive Care of the Elderly (PACE) applications
- L 21-64, issued October 22, 2021: Notice of Intent to Submit a State Plan Amendment for Anti-obesity Drug Coverage Changes

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