

# A Snapshot of Medicaid with Managed Care

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Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) partner with states to improve access to primary, preventive, and specialty services for the nation's most vulnerable populations. The managed care model provides flexibility to address the local, diverse, and complex needs of Medicaid enrollees and improve health outcomes. As state Medicaid agencies complete post-pandemic eligibility requirements, MCOs continue to play an important role in meeting the health care needs of Medicaid enrollees.



**299** Managed Care Organizations

**76M** Medicaid Enrollees  
(as of Dec. 2022)

**82%** of total Medicaid Enrollees  
(as of Dec. 2022)

**42** States, Washington, DC and Puerto Rico partner with MCOs

## Who MCOs Serve

**CHILDREN** **82%**  
82% of enrollees under the age of 21.

**52%** **DISABILITY UNDER 65**  
52% of individuals who qualify for Medicaid on the basis of a disability.

**AGE OF ENROLLEES** **37%**  
37% of Medicaid enrolled adults are older than 65 years.

**46%** **DUAL ENROLLMENT (MEDICARE/MEDICAID)**  
46% of individuals enrolled in both Medicaid and Medicare.

**MEDICAID MANAGED LONGTERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS** **1.9M**  
1.9 million enrolled in Medicaid Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) programs

## Patient Satisfaction & Quality

Medicaid MCOs must adhere to federal requirements & state rules on administrative costs, access to care, and quality.



**50** MCOs must meet at least 50 quality-based measures each year.

Nearly every state (36 out of 41) now requires MCOs to document and/or address health-related social risks. **36 out of 41**

**78% vs 56%** Medicaid MCO members are more likely than other insurance plans' members to report customer service was helpful (78% vs 56%).

## About MHPA

MHPA is the only national trade association with a sole focus on Medicaid, representing more than 150 MCOs that serve nearly 48 million Medicaid beneficiaries in 40 states; Washington, DC; and Puerto Rico. MHPA's members include both for-profit and non-profit national, regional, and single-state health plans that compete in the Medicaid market. For more information, visit [www.mhpa.org](http://www.mhpa.org).



## Financial Impact



**\$7.1B**

MCOs save fed and state taxpayers each year

**52%**

MCOs account for 52% total of Medicaid spending

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