

HCAM Biller’s Forum April 12, 2024

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Agenda

Welcome, Format, Questions and Introductions – Michael Batts, HCAM

Questions sent to Mike’s email address: michaelbatts@hcam.org

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9:15 – 10:45 ECS Solutions, Tammy Davis, Tina Simmons

- Staying up to date with Beneficiary Notices
- Managing Medicare as a Secondary Payer
- Compliant Billing with Medicare Informational Claims
- Where we are with the Targeted Probe and Educate (TPE) Audit and other audit news.
- Managed Care Tips – New CMS Mandates for managed care plans & Other managed care news

Break 15 minutes



Agenda Continued

11:00 - Noon Michigan and Federal Update – Mike Batts

- Occupancy – National and State
- Enrollment – MHL, PACE, MI Choice, Medicare Advantage
- Budget FY 2024 Process and Status
- Pending Legislation – Med Tech, Agency Staffing, and more
- CMS PDPM Rule/Minimum staffing proposed rule
- Change Healthcare
- MHL Transition to HIDE
- New Reimbursement System for Medicaid



Agenda Continued

12:00 PM – 1:00 pm Luncheon

1:00 – 2:00 pm Medicaid & MI Health Link Issues, MDHHS staff

- Billing Issues/Top Billing Errors
- LOCD and Redeterminations
- Eligibility
- Bed Options – Medicare only, Licensed, NABP
- MHL – QAS ICO
- Special Needs Plans - Michigan
- Third Party Liability Update



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2:00 – 2:30 Aetna Better Health, Sharon Hamilton Griffin

- Health Plan Overview
- Helpful Contacts

2:30-3:00 Meridian/Centene, Alli Leas

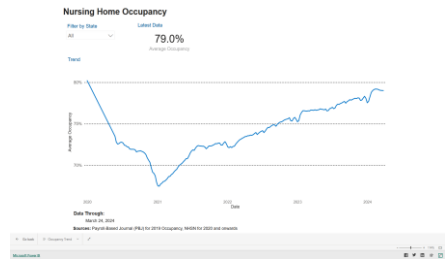
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3:00 – 3:15 Open Discussion and Q&A

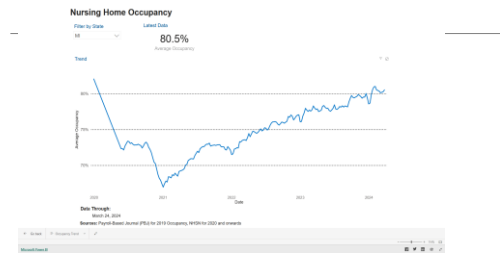
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- Medicare Advantage Plans



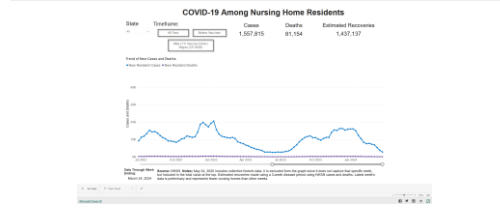
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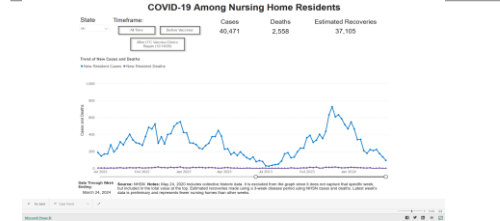
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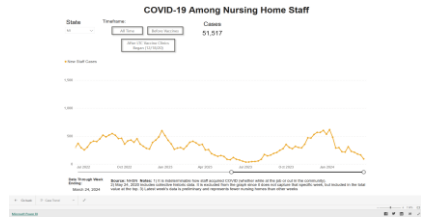
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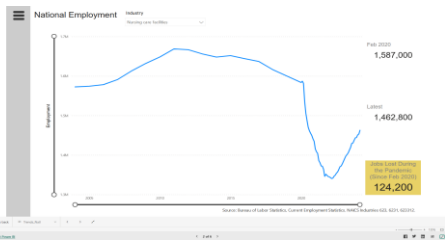
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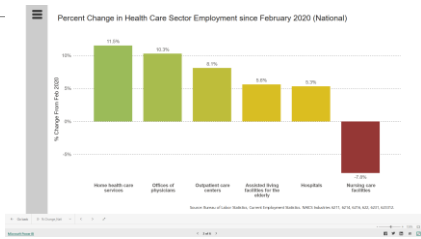
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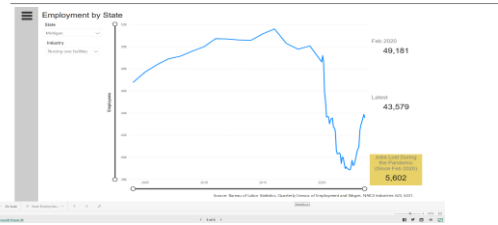
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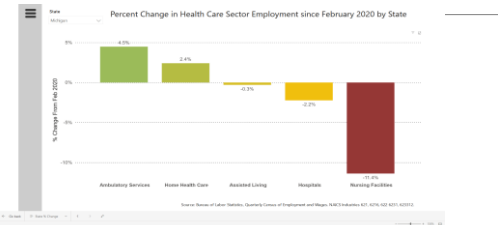
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Enrollment Updates

- MI Health Link
- PACE
- MI Choice
- Medicare Advantage

MI Health Link

MI Health Link is a complete integrated health care program for Michigan residents that meet program requirements and that:

- Are aged 21 or over.
- Live in the Michigan counties of Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, Macomb, St. Joseph, Van Buren, Wayne or any county in the Upper Peninsula.
- Are enrolled in **both** Medicare and Medicaid.
- Are not residing in a state-operated veteran's home.
- Are not currently enrolled in hospice.

Began phase-in March 2015 through September 2015

MHL received CMS approval to operate until December 31, 2023



MI Health Link

Offers a broad range of medical and behavioral health services, pharmacy, home and community-based services and nursing home care.

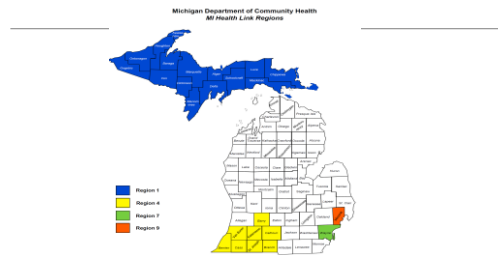
Those who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid and qualify for MI Health Link will be sent enrollment options through a letter from Michigan ENROLLS. 1-800-975-7630

Residents can "opt out" of MHL – need to respond to letter or will be automatically enrolled in program

Monthly plan change or dis-enrollment is available



MHL Regions Four Areas



MI Health Link-ICO's

MI Health Link services are provided to enrollees by these Integrated Care Organizations (ICO's):

- [Aetna](#)
- [AmeriHealth](#)
- [HAP Empowerment](#)
- [MeridianComplete](#)
- [Molina Healthcare](#)
- [Upper Peninsula Health Plan](#)

Contracts needed to provide care with each ICO

ICO Care Coordinator will assist each enrollee to connect with the supports and services they need to be healthy and to meet personal goals.

MI Health Link Enrollment

Month	Total Enrollment	LOC 00 W/AL/ICU	LOC 00 MCF	Total 00 & 01	Percentage 00 & 01	HCR
February 2021	26,216	1,705	226	1,931	7.36%	2,248
March 2021	26,150	1,762	225	1,987	7.60%	2,200
April 2021	26,664	1,770	220	1,990	7.46%	2,260
May 2021	26,658	1,760	220	1,980	7.43%	2,260
June 2021	40,651	1,821	210	2,031	5.00%	2,400
July 2021	40,260	1,864	200	2,113	5.25%	2,410
August 2021	40,294	1,877	201	2,120	5.26%	2,410
September 2021	41,941	1,889	200	2,249	5.36%	2,467
October 2021	41,217	1,908	210	2,241	5.43%	2,464
January 2022	39,262	1,854	202	1,996	4.92%	2,550
February 2022	38,996	1,868	210	1,917	4.92%	2,500
March 2022	36,168	1,828	200	1,867	5.16%	2,100
April 2022	40,461	1,768	200	1,930	4.77%	2,500
May 2022	40,663	1,861	210	1,987	4.89%	2,540
June 2022	40,250	1,833	205	1,983	4.93%	2,540
July 2022	40,696	1,820	210	1,977	4.86%	2,540
Aug 2022	42,622	1,760	207	1,973	4.63%	2,570
Sept 2022	44,113	1,712	210	1,914	4.34%	2,570
Oct 2022	44,604	1,729	210	1,922	4.30%	2,554
Nov 2022	44,188	1,808	200	2,014	4.56%	2,560
Dec 2022	44,174	1,805	210	2,010	4.55%	2,550
January 2023	42,150	1,864	210	1,877	4.45%	2,470
February 2023	41,966	1,868	210	1,867	4.45%	2,460
March 2023	41,120	1,883	214	1,897	4.61%	2,460
April 2023	44,651	1,869	200	2,100	4.70%	2,467
May 2023	44,217	2,002	200	2,206	4.99%	2,488

Data from 4/1/2021

MI Choice Waiver – HCBW

The MI Choice waiver provides home and community-based health care services for adults aged 65 or older and adults with disabilities. The program's goal is to allow persons, who would otherwise require nursing home care, to receive these services in their home and in the community.

MI Choice beneficiaries are not enrolled in a Medicaid health plan but still receive a comprehensive package of health care benefits including vision, dental, and mental health services. In addition, the waiver may provide other benefits to help the person remain at home.

MI Choice HCBW Providers



MI Choice Waiver Agents

Region 1A Detroit Area Agency on Aging
Service Area: Cities - Detroit, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Farms, Harper Woods

Region 1B Area Agency on Aging 1B and Macomb-Oakland Regional Center Home Care, Inc.
Service Area: Counties - Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw

Region 1C The Senior Alliance and The Information Center
Service Area: Counties - Wayne County except the cities served by 1A

Region 2 Region 2 Area Agency on Aging
Service Area: Counties - Jackson, Hillsdale, Lenawee

Region 3 Region 3B Area Agency on Aging/CareWell Services Southwest and Milestone Senior Services
Service Area: Counties - Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph

Region 4 Region IV Area Agency on Aging and Region 3B Area Agency on Aging/CareWell Services Southwest
Service Area: Counties - Berrien, Cass, Van Buren



MI Choice Waiver Agents (cont.)

Region 5 Valley Area Agency on Aging
Service Area: Counties - Genesee, Lapeer, Shlawassee

Region 6 Tri-County Office on Aging
Service Area: Counties - Clinton, Eaton, Ingham

Region 7 A&D Home Health Care, Inc. and Region VII Area Agency on Aging
Service Area: Counties - Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Huron, Isabella, Midland, Saginaw, Sanilac, Tuscola

Region 8 Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan, Inc. and Reliance Community Care Partners
Service Area: Counties - Allegan, Ionia, Kent, Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo, Oshtemo

Region 9 Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA)
Service Area: Counties - Alcona, Arenac, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon



MI CHOICE Waiver Enrollment

MI CHOICE ENROLLMENT					
	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24
AGAWAM	55	53	54	57	41
ANTONAGON	11	12	16	18	15
ASCOSIA	69	66	65	77	65
ASCODIA	18	20	21	18	14
ASCUSO	75	84	78	71	54
ATTAWAPUSC	486	521	522	526	427
BEAUFORT	32	41	34	32	18
BENNING	42	43	44	46	58
BENNING	894	893	873	935	798
BENTON	69	68	75	44	34
BENTON	82	77	74	55	57
BENTON	107	110	100	101	84
BENTON	8	8	16	16	18
BENTON	87	83	85	71	61
BENTON	173	180	187	186	141
BENTON	26	24	27	29	19
BENTON	202	209	219	189	157
BENTON	148	146	143	140	134
BENTON	2,705	2,789	2,822	2,862	2,665
BENTON	200	212	198	174	151
TOTAL	14476	14983	14952	15052	14553

Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly PACE

A capitated benefit authorized by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA) that features a comprehensive service delivery system and integrated Medicare and Medicaid financing for frail, elderly individuals that meet Long Term Care (LTC) level of care criteria.

For most PACE participants (enrollees), the comprehensive service package permits them to continue living at home while receiving services rather than being institutionalized.

Participants must meet the following criteria:

- Medically qualified, must meet Medicaid's LTC eligibility criteria
- Must be at least 55 years of age or older
- Must live within the approved geographic area of the PACE organization
- Must be able to live safely in the community (not residing in a nursing facility) at the time of enrollment
- Must not be concurrently enrolled in the Medicaid MIChoice waiver
- Must not be concurrently enrolled in a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO)

The PACE organization receives referrals from providers in the community who believe a person meets Medicaid eligibility and LTC eligibility criteria.

PACE Enrollment

PACE Enrollment		Michigan												
		Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24
MI	H0390 Pace of Southwest MI	229	231	234	235	236	235	234	234	236	236	234	229	229
MI	H1330 Comprehensive Senior Care	562	565	565	567	569	578	579	586	584	593	595	596	602
MI	H1210 Pace of Southwest MI	1,461	1,476	1,504	1,527	1,546	1,561	1,574	1,588	1,604	1,625	1,643	1,644	1,639
MI	H2835 Coastal Pace	191	192	195	200	200	197	200	204	208	211	210	208	205
MI	H2822 Pace Central MI	166	174	178	184	189	193	190	196	201	198	197	197	196
MI	H2930 Lifelines	379	378	381	381	384	387	390	391	391	394	388	386	389
MI	H4120 Westshore Pace	278	275	273	271	274	276	279	284	282	284	278	271	271
MI	H4126 Pace North	146	149	151	158	160	158	159	165	168	167	173	179	181
MI	H5285 Community Pace at Home	89	88	92	90	91	89	90	92	93	91	94	96	97
MI	H5810 Care Resources	297	304	308	315	319	321	327	324	328	328	326	328	330
MI	H8700 Veterans Senior Community Care of Michigan	173	177	187	194	196	197	201	198	192	194	190	192	199
MI	H8709 Geriatric Ambulatory Health Services	219	216	211	214	216	214	217	222	221	226	222	226	227
MI	H9052 Region MAAA	40	41	44	45	46	50	51	52	52	52	47	47	45
MI	H1020 ABC/Charitable Population	154	157	156	157	161	160	167	169	170	171	170	169	176
MI	TOTAL	4,379	4,425	4,461	4,508	4,589	4,622	4,658	4,715	4,730	4,772	4,744	4,768	4,786

Medicare : Original and Advantage

Original Medicare

- Original Medicare includes Part A and Part B.
- You can join a separate Medicare drug plan to get Medicare drug coverage (Part D).
- You can use any doctor or hospital that takes Medicare, anywhere in the U.S.
- To help pay your out-of-pocket costs in Original Medicare (like your 20% coinsurance), you can also buy supplemental coverage, like Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap), or have coverage from a former employer or union, or Medicaid.

Medicare Advantage (also known as Part C)

- Medicare Advantage is a Medicare-approved plan from a private company that offers an alternative to Original Medicare for your health and drug coverage. These "bundled" plans include Part A, Part B, and usually Part D.
- In most cases, you'll need to use doctors who are in the plan's network.
- Plans may have lower out-of-pocket costs than Original Medicare.
- Plans may offer some extra benefits that Original Medicare doesn't cover -- like vision, hearing, and dental services.

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Medicare Advantage Plans Part C

Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) Plans

- In HMO plans, you generally must get your care and services from providers in the plan's network, except:
 - Emergency care
 - Out-of-area urgent care
 - Out-of-area dialysis

Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) Plans

- PPO Plans are offered by a private insurance company
- PPO Plans have network doctors, other health care providers, and hospitals.
- You pay less if you use doctors, hospitals, and other health care providers that belong to the plan's network. You can also use out-of-network providers for covered services, usually for a higher cost

Private Fee-for-Service (PFFS) Plans

- A Medicare PFFS Plan is a type of Medicare Advantage Plan (Part C) offered by a private insurance company
- PFFS plans aren't the same as Original Medicare or Medigap.
- The plan determines how much it will pay doctors, other health care providers, and hospitals, and how much you must pay when you get care.

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Medicare Advantage Plans Part C Special Needs Plans

Medicare SNPs are a type of Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO). Medicare SNPs limit membership to people with specific diseases or characteristics. Medicare SNPs tailor their benefits, provider choices, and drug formularies to best meet the specific needs of the groups they serve.

These groups are eligible to enroll in an SNP:

- 1) people who live in certain institutions (like nursing homes) or who live in the community but require nursing care at home, or
- 2) people who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid, or
- 3) people who have specific chronic or disabling conditions (like diabetes, End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), HIV/AIDS, chronic heart failure, or dementia).

Plans may further limit membership to a single chronic condition or a group of related chronic conditions. You can join a SNP at any time.

Legislative Updates

HCAM continues to engage on important policy and budget legislation with key legislator and stakeholders. You may find bills affecting the sector using HCAM's bill tracker, which is found on our website <https://www.hcam.org/advocacy/hcam-bill-tracker/>

You may find issue briefs and testimony pertaining to legislation that HCAM is advocating for/against on our website <https://www.hcam.org/advocacy/issue-briefs/>



Legislative Updates

Below is a brief summary of the bills on which the association will be focused on in 2024.

- [HBs 4885 and 4923](#) (Public Acts 273 and 274 of 2023) – Medication Aides
- [HB 4841](#) – AFC Licensing Act.
- [Staffing Agency Licensing](#)
- [Medicare Advantage Legislation](#)
- [SB 717](#) – Cameras in Resident Rooms



Legislative Updates

State Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations – The legislature has begun work on the state fiscal year 2025 budget, which will take effect on October 1, 2024. This budget process impacts important issues including Medicaid rates, the direct care worker and non-clinical worker wage increase, transition to a new Medicaid reimbursement system, and Medicaid policies such as bed certifications and non-available bed plans. HCAM advocates with key legislators and the State Budget Office to ensure appropriations bills allocate adequate funding and reflect necessary policies for the state's nursing facilities.



Legislative Updates

Notable legislation HCAM is monitoring

- HBs [4550-4552](#) and SBs [334-336](#) – Hospital Nursing Ratios.
- SBs [678-681](#) – Death with Dignity Act.
- HBs [4909-4912](#), [5047](#) – Guardianship Licensing and Office of State Guardian.
- HB [4543](#) – Written Notice of Admission Denial.
- HB [4517](#) – Fall Prevention Training for Unlicensed Nursing Home Staff.
- SB [739](#) – Personal Service Agreements Avoiding Divestiture for Medicaid Purposes.
- HB [5199](#) – Expansion of Consumer Protection Act.
- HB [4935](#) – Nurse Licensure Compact.



CMS Proposed Staffing Rule for Nursing Homes

CMS released a proposed minimum staffing rule 9/1/23

- Required minimum staffing coverages for nursing facilities
 - .55 Hours per Resident Day (HPRD) for RNs
 - 2.45 HPRD for CNAs
 - Onsite RN 24/7
 - No acknowledgement of LPN
- Unfunded
- Nationwide AHCA study
 - 94% of facilities not meeting at least 1 of 3 requirements
 - Over 100k staff would need to be hired, at a cost of \$6.8 Billion per year
- Efforts underway to halt, change rule.
- Final rule expected to be issued soon



CMS Proposed Payment Rule Effective October 1, 2024

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued the proposed rule for the skilled nursing facility (SNF) prospective payment system (PPS) fiscal year (FY) 2024 payment update.

The proposed rule provides a **proposed net market basket increase for SNFs of 4.1 percent beginning October 1, 2024.**

The CMS net market basket update would increase Medicare SNF payments by approximately \$1.3 billion in FY24.

- Final Rule expected in August 24



CMS Proposed Rule-Admin updates

- CMS proposes to update the SNF market basket base year from the current 2018 base year to a new base year of 2022 and to update the payment rates used under the SNF PPS based on the FY 2025 SNF market basket increase factor, as adjusted by the productivity adjustment and forecast error correction.
- CMS also proposes to update the SNF PPS wage index using the Core-Based Statistical Areas (CBSAs) defined within the new Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Bulletin 23-01 to improve the accuracy of wages and wage-related costs for the area in which the facility is located.
- CMS is proposing several changes to the PDPM ICD-10 code mappings for reporting during a Part A SNF stay.
- The proposed rule also includes a Request for Information (RFI) seeking comments on potential future updates to the Non-Therapy Ancillary (NTA) component of PDPM.



CMS Proposed Rule-NH Enforcement

- CMS proposes to expand the penalties that can be enforced through regulatory revision to allow for more per instance and per day CMPs to be imposed, permitting both types of penalties to be imposed, not to exceed the statutory daily limits.
- CMS proposes to allow for both PD and PI CMPs to be imposed for noncompliance findings in the same survey, as well as ensure that the amount of a CMP does not depend solely on the date that the most recent standard survey is conducted or the date that a finding of noncompliance was identified by surveyors.
- CMS proposes that it or the state could impose a PI CMP to address noncompliance that occurred in the past or prior to the survey, and a PD CMP beginning at the start of the survey and continuing until the facility has corrected its noncompliance.
- CMS proposes if multiple instances of noncompliance occurred prior to the survey, CMS or the state could impose multiple PI CMPs, as well as a PD CMPs.



CMS Proposed Rule-SNF Quality Reporting Program

- CMS proposes adding four new social determinants of health (SDOH) items and modifying one SDOH assessment item for the SNF QRP.
- CMS proposes that SNFs included in the SNF QRP participate in a process to validate data submitted under the SNF QRP through the Minimum Data Set (MDS) beginning with the FY 2027 SNF QRP.
- CMS is also seeking feedback on future measure concepts for the SNF QRP with a Request for Information (RFI) on quality measure concepts under consideration for future SNF QRP years.



CMS Proposed Rule-SNF Value Based Purchasing

CMS proposes to adopt a measure retention and removal policy to help ensure that the SNF VBP Program's measure set remains focused on the best and most appropriate metrics for assessing care quality in the SNF setting. The proposed policy is similar to the one currently used in the SNF QRP program.

• CMS proposes to adopt a policy to incorporate technical VBP measure updates, such as changes to risk-adjustment, using sub-regulatory processes. This policy would allow CMS to account for the upcoming transition to PDPM-based case-mix adjusting of Total Nurse Staffing Hours per Resident Day (HPRD) in July 2024.

• CMS is proposing administrative policy updates, including an update of the Review and Correction policy that it previously finalized for the program. This is to ensure that SNFs can review and correct Payroll-Based Journal (PBJ) data beginning with the FY 2026 program year and MDS data beginning with the FY 2027 program year.



Change Healthcare Cybersecurity Incident

On Feb 21, there was a security breach at the largest medical claims clearinghouse, Change Healthcare

8 terabytes of data, 85 million patient records disrupted

If your facility is affected

- Contact/Work with your IT/EMR vendor on work arounds
- Check with payers on accelerated payments
- CMS options on Part A/Part B advanced payments due to CHOPD (Change Healthcare/Optum Payment Disruption)



Michigan SIGMA Updates/Downtime

SIGMA upgrades arrive on April 24, 2024. The SIGMA system will be unavailable, from Friday, April 19th through noon on Wednesday, April 24, 2024. As part of this system upgrade, the Michigan Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) cut-off for claim submissions and CHAMPS payments will be early.

Claim cut-off dates and times:

- For CHAMPS Direct Data Entry (DDE) the cut-off will be April 15, 2024, at 4:00 PM EST.
- Electronic 837 claim files, submitted via CHAMPS batch upload or File Transfer Service (FTS), the cut-off will be April 15, 2024, at noon EST.

CHAMPS pay cycle 17, pay date April 25, 2024, payment dates:

- Paper checks will be mailed on April 19, 2024.
- Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT) will be available on April 22, 2024.





MI Health Link Transition

Launched March 1, 2015

Eligibility includes dually eligible individuals 21 and older

LTSS coverage required, BH carved out

Medicaid BH, substance use disorder services, and HCBS waiver services for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DD) financed through Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs)

Operates in Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, Macomb, St. Joseph, Van Buren, Wayne counties and all counties in the Upper Peninsula





Lessons Learned as Reported by MDHHS

Increased transitions from NF to Home

- Caveat higher functional status, lower LOC
- MI's takeaway opportunity to identify higher functioning individuals to transition to home

Opportunity to improve behavioral health coordination

- Challenges in data sharing and communication between ICOs and PIHPs

Lack of single source of truth for enrollment status

Source: Michigan's Transition Plan for MI Health Link





Conversion of MMPs to D-SNPs



CMS CY2023 MA and Part D Rule Created Pathway for MMPs to Transition from Demo to Permanence

Current capitated MMP program to end December 31, 2025

- States encouraged to convert their MMPs to integrated Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs)
 - CMS will work with States to develop a process for conversion

States choosing not to convert their MMP program to an integrated D-SNP will end by December 31, 2023.

- Created additional requirements of D-SNPs to promote Medicare and Medicaid Integration
 - Lessons learned from FAI





Types of D-SNPs

CO D-SNP Coordination Only D-SNP

- Must have a contract with the State Medicaid Agency
- Not required to provide coverage of Medicaid services but must share information about inpatient admissions for certain high-risk, full benefit, dually eligible enrollees.
- MAY cover LTSS and/or BH for eligible individuals

HIDE SNP Highly Integrated Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan

- Provides a higher level of integration than CO-D-SNPs
- MA organization or MA organization's parent company must have a contract with the State Medicaid Agency
- Must cover LTSS or BH or both (consistent with State policy) under a capitated contract

FIDE SNP Fully Integrated Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans

- Highest level of coordination and integration
- Single Managed Care Organization that holds both the CMS MA contract and is a Medicaid managed care organization contract under Section 1903(m) of SGA
- Must cover specified primary care, acute care, LTSS, BH, and at least 180 days of NF services during plan year (consistent with State policy) under a capitated contract





Provisions	FIDE SNP	HIDE SNP	CO D-SNPs	MI Proposal
Enrollee Advisory Committee	Required	Required	Required	Will be included
Exclusively Aligned Enrollment	Required, 2025			Plans to pursue
Inclusion of LTSS and Behavioral Health & HH, medical supplies, equipment & appliances	Required, 2025	Either LTSS and/or BH		Intends to require that Medicaid LTSS, HCBS NF-LOC, nursing facility services, and personal care
Service area overlap with Medicaid companion plan	Required, 2025	Required, 2025		
Unified Grievances and Appeals	Required, 2025	Specific HIDEs	Specific D-SNPs	Exploring inclusion
Continuance of Medicare benefits pending appeal	Required, 2025	Specific HIDEs	Specific D-SNPs	
Capitation for Medicare cost sharing, all dual eligible beneficiaries	Required	Recommended	Recommended	Plans to institute a policy of zero cost sharing
Single ID contract for D-SNPs with exclusively aligned enrollment	Option, 2024	Option, 2024	Option, 2024	
Integrated member materials	Option, 2024	Option, specific HIDEs	Option, specific D-SNPs	Exploring inclusion



Highly Integrated Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan

To align with the new CMS rules, MDHHS intends to transition the MHL Program to a Highly Integrated Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (HIDE SNP).

- A HIDE SNP is a specific type of Medicare Advantage plan that is designed to meet the needs of those dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid.

The HIDE SNP will integrate long-term service and supports (LTSS) and contracted managed care plans will provide most covered benefits for their dual-eligible enrollees, but specialty behavioral health services will remain carved out.

- Benefits of moving to a HIDE D-SNP:
 - Permanent
 - Statewide expansion
 - Building off success of MHL



Beneficiaries

• For beneficiaries – no changes are happening until 2026. There is nothing beneficiaries need to do now.

- Beneficiaries will not experience any changes in their MHL benefits in 2024 or in 2025

• MDHHS expects any program changes to be small, and that beneficiaries will continue to receive similar services.



Procurement

• MDHHS will be conducting a competitive procurement process to select the new HIDE D-SNP plans.

- MDHHS intends to release a Request for Proposals in early 2024.

• Due to the nature of the competitive procurement process – there is limited information MDHHS can share at this time regarding exactly how the program will be structured.

• However, MDHHS is always interested in receiving feedback on what beneficiaries, caregivers, families, providers, and health plans would like to see in a new HIDE D-SNP program.





Nursing Facility Medicaid Reimbursement Reform



Michigan NF Medicaid Reimbursement- Auditor General Report

Auditor General Report issued November 2019 reviewed the Michigan Medicaid payment system to Nursing Facilities and determined reimbursement methodology:

- Complicated
- Labor intensive
- Ineffective
- Inefficient

Audit process

- Ineffective
- Overly time consuming



Nursing Facility Reimbursement Reform

MDHHS REIMBURSEMENT OBJECTIVES

- Shifting Michigan's nursing facility reimbursement to acuity-based starting in FY2024
- Ensuring reimbursement supports safety and health for populations served
- Building a system which strongly supports workforce stability
- Elevating quality principles in nursing facility reimbursement

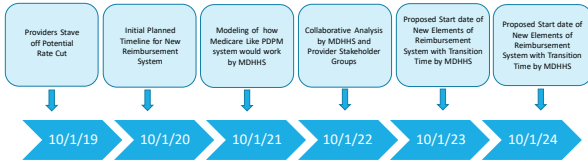
MDHHS has indicated that they want to simplify current add-on payments to current rates including the NF QAS, they want to incorporate acuity

MDHHS has targeted FY 2025 for implementation but has indicated willingness for Multi-year phase in

MDHHS has indicated the intention to maintain the Class I and Class III separation



New Reimbursement System? History/Timeline



Nursing Facility Rate Reform Timeline

Weekly Discussion	Proposal Preparation	Finalization and Submission	Updates, and IT System Changes	Rate Setting	Finalize Details of New Rate Structure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 12. Continue discussion on Base Payment and Direct Care Costs. April 18. Discussion on Plant Asset and Fair Rental Value. April 26. Discussion regarding Quality Metrics. May 3. Continued discussion regarding Quality Metrics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-May. MDHHS prepares comprehensive proposal based on input. May 19. MDHHS provides draft structure, decisions needed, and modeling to Director Herlet. Late May. Director's input provided to stakeholders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early June. Finalize proposal based on input. June 30. Submit State Plan amendment. Note: CMS approval may take several months. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff training will take place. MDHHS provides training to providers. Changes will be made to the necessary IT systems. Rate Setting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Database updates. Cost reporting. Ongoing communication with stakeholders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fiscal Year 2024 rate setting will be conducted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fiscal Year 2024. New rate structure goes into effect.

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HCAM Model Framework – Rate Components

Component	Summary
Operating	<p>Direct Care Costs. Direct care nursing, nursing admin, diversional therapy, and social service wages and related payroll tax, and in-service expenses are cost reimbursed adjusted for Medicaid acuity.</p> <p>Price Other Costs. Indirect reimbursable costs are paid based on an average cost calculation.</p> <p>Quality Assurance Supplement. Maintain current QAS system with review of the overall program percentage reimbursement for all providers.</p>
Capital	Capital costs are reimbursed using a fair market rental calculation. Property taxes will be paid as a pass through.
Quality	Maintain current Quality Measure Initiative system.

HCAM Proposed Model-Direct Care Cost Component

Includes the salaries, wages, payroll tax, and in-service training expense for direct care staff, including:

- RN, LPN, CNA
- Nursing administration (DON, MDS Coordinator, Infection Control, nurse scheduler, etc.)
- Diversional Therapy (Activities)
- Social Service
- Agency Nursing (RN, LPN, CNA)
- Home office cost associated with direct care nursing, nursing admin, diversional therapy, and social service

Reimbursed at 100% of cost (no limit)

Adjusted for acuity using case-mix

Class I average = \$128.79

Class III average = \$191.83



HCAM Proposed Model-Price Component

•Average cost per day across all providers used as the basis for the price rate component

•Average based on FY 2022 cost reports = \$118.45

•Includes salaries, wages, payroll tax, for all departments not included in direct care cost component:

- Admin & General, Plant Operations & Maintenance, Utilities, Laundry, Housekeeping, Dietary, Central Supply, and Medical Records

•Includes employee benefit and workers compensation costs for all departments, including benefit costs for direct care staff

•Includes contracted services and in-service training for departments excluded from direct care cost component

•Includes education, minor equipment, equipment rental, repairs & maintenance, and supplies for all departments, including direct care departments



Quality Assurance Supplement Add-on

Currently QAS Add-on is calculated by multiplying the lower of a provider's variable rate base (VRB) or the variable cost limit (VCL) by 21.76%.

Under HCAM's proposed model, the 21.76% will be applied to the combination of the direct care cost component and the price component.



Minimum Spend

MDHHS introduced the idea of applying a minimum spend concept to the variable portion of the rate, which is meant to direct the spending of providers on operational activities that are directly related to patient care.

MDHHS proposed 90% spend on direct care and 10% on "discretionary" activities

Ignoring the fact that the definitions of direct and indirect are very loosely defined currently, 90/10 results in a negative impact for the majority of providers throughout the State of Michigan.

HCAM has used an 80/20 minimum spend for modeling purposes, which limited the negative impact to only a few providers.



HCAM Proposed Model-Plant Cost Component – Fair Rental

HCAM's proposed model uses a fair rental system to reimburse providers for their physical plant. A fair rental system typically applies a percentage return on a valuation of the asset or building, which can be based on an appraisal or some alternative valuation measure.

For modeling purposes, HCAM's proposed model is applying the percentage return to the already established current asset value (CAV), which is part of the current reimbursement system, in lieu of an appraisal.

Class I facilities are reimbursed at 8% of the lower of their appraisal/CAV

Class III facilities are reimbursed at 4% of the lower of the appraisal/CAV

Per bed limit of \$175,000 for facilities built within the last 10 years

Per bed limit of \$112,500 for all other facilities



HCAM Proposed Model-Plant Cost Component – Property Tax

Property tax paid by for-profit providers will be reimbursed to facilities at cost as a pass-through rate add-on.



Non-Available Bed Plan

Non-Available Bed Plan Extension Policy Issued

On February 6, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued a [proposed policy](#) for updating the current non-available bed plan flexibilities. The proposal:

Extends the current NABP flexibilities from September 30, 2024, to September 30, 2025.

Allows skilled nursing facilities two additional 6-month extensions.

There is a public comment portion of this policy promulgation process during which HCAM advocated for three additional extensions as well as potential permanent implementation of the more flexible policy. Please email any comments you have on the proposal to MDHHS's [Kristi Walker](#).





Questions or
Comments?
