Med-QUEST Healthcare Advisory Committee
December 14, 2022

Med-QUEST, DHS

Med-QUEST Healthcare Advisory Committee Agenda

I. Welcome/Call to Order

II. Introductions/Roll Call

III. Review of meeting participation guidelines and process

IV. Med-QUEST Updates - Presentations on current Med-QUEST program activities

a) Social Determinants of Health Transformation Plan

b) Dental services

c) Other updates

d) Public Comment

V. State Plan Amendment Presentations and Discussions

a. State Plan Amendment: Updates - Presentation on the status of State Plan Amendments previously reviewed by the MHAC.

b. State Plan Amendments: New - Presentation of State Plan Amendments currently being submitted for CMS approval.

i. 22-0016 Pregnant Woman Unborn

c. State Plan Amendments: Coming Soon – Presentation on State Plan Amendments Med-QUEST is working on for future review.

d. Public Comment

VI. MQD Member Communications:

a. Public Health Emergency Unwinding

b. Public Comment

VII. Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

VIII. Adjourn

IV. MQD UPDATES

Med-QUEST Updates:

Social Determinants of Health Transformation Plan

SDOH Transformation Plan

The SDOH Transformation Plan will represent MQD's plan to identify, evaluate, and reduce, to the extent practicable, health disparities based on factors such as age, race, ethnicity, gender, primary language, and disability status. The SDOH Transformation Plan is expected to develop a shared Department of Human Services (DHS) and health plan **road map to address health disparities** comprehensively and systematically.

SDOH Transformation Plan

Med-QUEST SDOH Transformation Plan Goals

- Goal to bring together and build upon **existing SDOH initiatives** already underway and provide a comprehensive plan and strategic direction to improve health outcomes and reduce health disparities in Hawai‘i.
- While the development of the SDOH Transformation Plan was initiated by Med-QUEST, the implementation and success of the transformation will require a **collective, multi-sector coordinated effort**.
- The Transformation Plan will support development of the necessary **processes and structures** to pull together stakeholders from across the healthcare and social service ecosystem to co-create workplans and implement strategies.

SDOH Transformation Plan

Project Overview & Approach

Develop a vision for SDOH transformation over the next five years and an actionable plan/roadmap for achieving it.

- ✓ Gather information from stakeholders about current SDOH activities in Hawai‘i
- ✓ Conduct a gap analysis between current state and future vision
- ✓ Engage stakeholders to develop relevant and meaningful goals and strategies to achieve vision

SDOH Transformation Plan

Key Milestone/Activities	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Information gathering from stakeholders: SDOH current state activities and future goals	●	●				
Draft SDOH Transformation Plan & MQD Review		●	●			
Opportunity for Stakeholder Comment and Feedback				●		
Revise Draft SDOH Transformation Plan based on Stakeholder feedback					●	
Final SDOH Transformation Plan & External Stakeholder Meeting to Launch Next Steps						●

SDOH Transformation Plan

MQD VISION: The people of Hawai‘i embrace health and wellness.

From	To
Fragmented initiatives and strategies to address SDOH	A holistic vision and integrated support structure for ongoing learning, coordination and alignment
Inadequate screening practices and data to understand and address individuals’ SDOH needs	Standardized practices to identify SDOH and access data
Inadequate and underutilized referral networks and community partners	Locally tailored networks and partnerships to meet individual SDOH and health needs
A health system with limited to no equity-focused quality measures	Health care quality frameworks embed equity improvements in quality initiatives
Lack of financial resources for health and community-based providers to adequately address SDOH	Incentives and braided resources that support SDOH work

SDOH Transformation Plan

Next Steps

- January: Public Comment and Feedback
- Late February: Final SDOH Transformation Plan that integrates stakeholder input
- March (date TBD): Stakeholder Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT

MQD Updates: Adult Dental Services

- Med-QUEST is on track for a January 1, 2023 start.
- MQD Dental Expansion State Plan Amendment approved by CMS (more details later in State Plan Section section.)
- We are always looking for more dentists to help serve our community. If you know of any, please do let us or HDS know, and we will reach out.
- Broader member communication planned starting in January 2023.

MQD Updates: Adult Dental Services

Key messages regarding dental benefits :

- Starting January 1, 2023, Med-QUEST will cover adult dental benefits like cleanings, x-rays, and fillings. Based on a member's need, dental services like root canals, crowns and/or dentures may also be covered.
- QUEST members may call Community Case Management Corporation (CCMC), starting January 2023 at 1-808-792-1070 or toll-free at 1-888-792-1070 to help members find a dentist and to explain the covered dental benefits.
- Like any medical benefit, coverage will depend on medical necessity, and some services will need to be pre-approved before providing them.

Med-QUEST Updates: Other

a. Transition – New Governor, legislators, Committee Chairs

b. Upcoming legislative session – Admin bills and budget requests

1. Hospital and Nursing Facility sustainability
2. Increase reimbursement rates for various services (Nursing facilities, Professional fees, Home and Community based providers)
3. Child Wellness visit incentive program

PUBLIC COMMENT

V. State Plan Amendment Presentations and Discussions: Updates 12/14/22

State Plan Updates

- **SPA 22-0003 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD)**
  Approved: 11/28/22 Effective Date: 05/01/22.

- **SPA 22-0010 Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Matrix**
  Approved: 11/07/22 Effective Date: 07/01/2022

- **SPA 22-0012 Restoration of Basic Dental Benefits for Adults**
  Approved: 10/28/22 Effective Date: 01/01/2023

- **SPA 22-0005** Consolidated Appropriations Act SPA (title changed to "**Routine Costs for Clinical Trials**") Submitted to CMS on 11/30/22. Effective Date: 01/01/2022

- **SPA 22-0007 COVID-19 Vaccine (1 year post PHE)** SPA currently in "Request for Additional Information" (RAI) processes.

- **SPA 22-0009 Pregnant Woman Proxy Payment Methodology** SPA currently in (RAI) review process.

State Plan Updates

- **SPA 22-0013 Community Palliative Care** Submitted to CMS 10/31/22. Hawaii reviewing CMS feedback.

- **SPA 22-0014 Monkey Pox** Submitted to CMS 10/31/22.

- **SPA 22-0015 Licensed Midwife-** Reached out to CMS for technical assistance. There are additional areas on the state plan page that MQD will need to further evaluate before confirming state plan submission timeframes and Effective Date.

V. State Plan Amendment Presentations and Discussions: New

22-0016 Pregnant Woman Household- Include Unborn

Background:

In 2017, Hawaii selected household composition for pregnant woman to be counted just as herself. Hawaii is amending it's Medicaid State Plan to include the number of unborn child(ren) for a pregnant woman. Hawaii plans to submit their amendment through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicaid and CHIP Program Portal (MacPro) online. This amendment will be favorable to the pregnant woman household applying for or currently receiving Medicaid benefits.

SPA language:

"The pregnant woman is counted as herself, plus the number of children she is expected to deliver."

SPA attachments and Public Notice posted at https://medquest.hawaii.gov/en/about/state-plan-1115.html on 12/09/2022.

Proposed Effective Date 10/01/2022

V. State Plan Amendment Presentations and Discussions: COMING SOON

State Plan Amendments

- **SPA 23-XXXX Former Foster Care Medicaid Out of State**

Description: *This amendment will allow Medicaid coverage to former foster care individuals from another state who move to Hawaii after January 1, 2023. Goal Effective Date 01/01/2023*

- **SPA 23-XXXX Yearly Optional State Supplementary Payment**

Description: *Yearly amendment required to increase the monthly income standards for Domiciliary Care Type I and for Domiciliary Care Type II in connection with Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) increases. Goal Effective Date 01/01/2023*

PUBLIC COMMENT

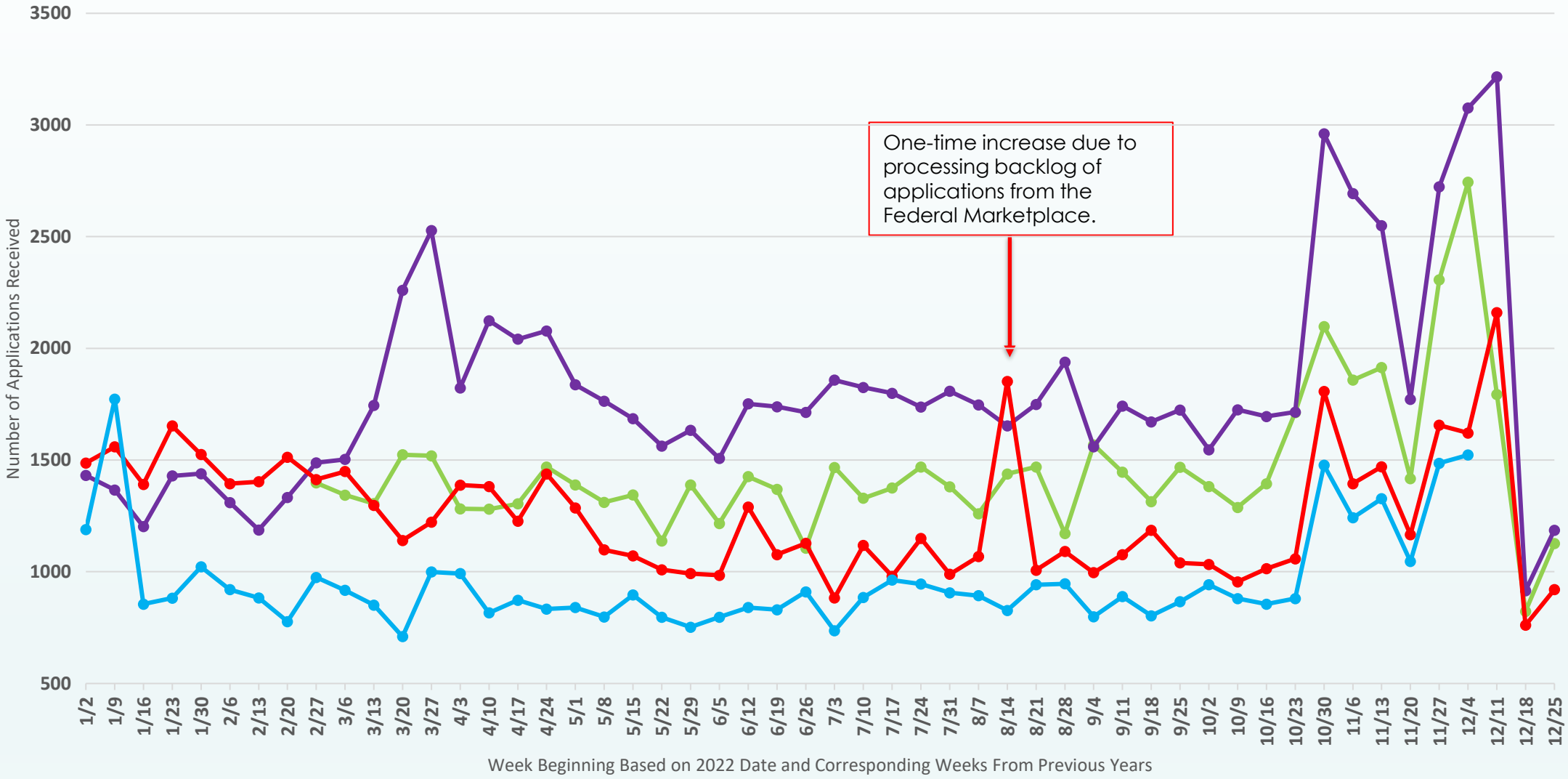
VI. MQD Member Communications:

MQD Member Communications

Public Health Emergency Unwinding update:

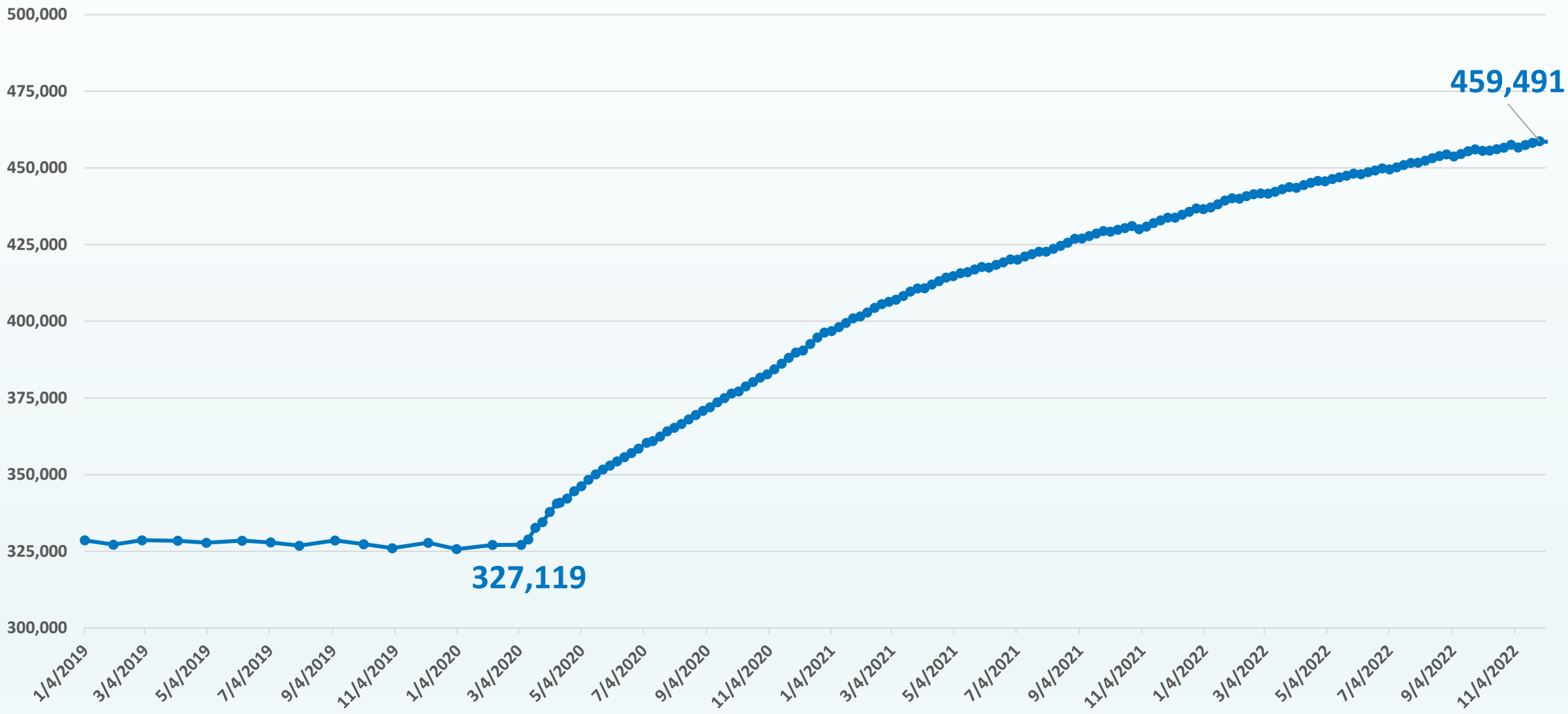
- Update on the numbers
- Update on dates for public health emergency
- Communications update

Hawai‘i Medicaid Applications Received Per week:
March 2020 to December 10, 2022 MQD has Received 193,924 Applications



Application increase in Nov-Dec (and in Jan 2022) reflects additional application activity due to the Federal Marketplace open enrollment period.

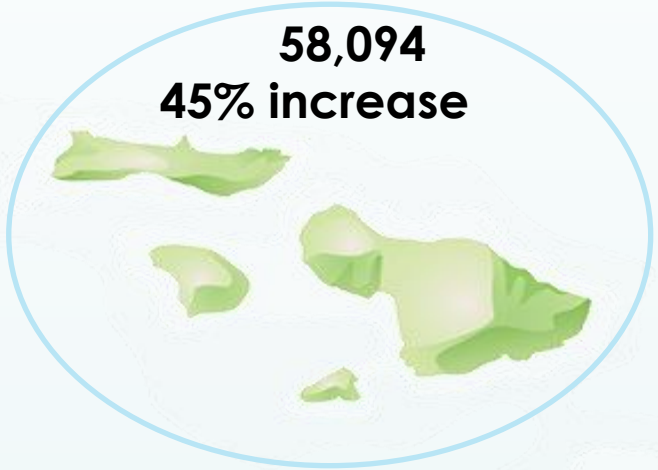
Hawai‘i Medicaid Monthly Enrollment: January 2019 to December 12, 2022
132,372 New Enrollments since 3/6/2020 (40% Increase)



Medicaid enrollment by County on December 12, 2022 and percent increase in enrollments since March 6, 2020

27,369
42% increase

280,126
42% increase



58,094
45% increase

93,902
34% increase

Public Health Emergency Declaration

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RENEWAL OF DETERMINATION THAT A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY EXISTS

As a result of the continued consequences of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, on this date and after consultation with public health officials as necessary, I, Xavier Becerra, Secretary of Health and Human Services, pursuant to the authority vested in me under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, do hereby renew, effective October 13, 2022, the January 31, 2020, determination by former Secretary Alex M. Azar II, that he previously renewed on April 21, 2020, July 23, 2020, October 2, 2020, and January 7, 2021, and that I renewed on April 15, 2021, July 19, 2021, October 15, 2021, January 14, 2022, April 12, 2022, and July 15, 2022, that a public health emergency exists and has existed since January 27, 2020, nationwide.

October 13, 2022 /s/

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Date Xavier Becerra

On October 13, 2022, HHS Secretary Becerra renewed the declaration that a **Public Health Emergency(PHE)** continues to exist related to COVID 19. This PHE declaration will be in effect until mid-January.

This PHE renewal will be for 90 days ensuring the **continuous coverage requirement** will last at least through the end of January.

HHS has assured us we will receive at least **60 days notice** prior to the confirmed end of the PHE. This means that if the PHE is going to end in January, we would have received notification mid-November. **We did not receive notification,** therefore it is most likely that the continuous coverage requirement will be extended again in January 2023 with an end date of mid-April 2023

If we receive 60 days notice in mid-February that the PHE will end in mid-April:

MQD would begin the 12-month unwinding process on **May 1, 2023.**

Update Member Contact info – Outreach, partnerships & communication

- **Updating contact information, particularly mailing addresses, will be a key factor** when regular eligibility and renewal activities start again. People have not had to worry about coverage loss for nearly three years, and are not used to updating us!

- Work has started to **help remind Medicaid members that they should update their contact information with MQD** if they have moved in the past two – three years.

- Communication Update:
  - Movie Theater campaign (December to January)
  - Updated Member handbook (drafting)

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Mahalo!