

# Med-QUEST Healthcare Advisory Committee

## December 11, 2024



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# 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 - Presentation on current Med-QUEST program activities
  - a. Stay Well Stay Covered - Return to normal eligibility renewals process
  - b. Other Updates
    - i. Waiver Renewals
    - ii. Budget and Legislative Process
    - iii. National/State Elections
    - iv. Member Engagement
  - c. Public Comment
  - d. MHAC Comments
- 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. SPA 24-0011 Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD) Modifier updates
    - ii. SPA 24-0014 “Annual Reporting on the Child and Adult Core Set” Reviewable Unit
    - iii. SPA 25-0002 Pharmacy Intern and Pharmacy Technician Services
    - iv. SPA 25-0003 Payment Methodology for Covered Outpatient Drugs
  - c. State Plan Amendments: Coming Soon – Presentation on upcoming State Plan Amendments
  - d. Public Comment
  - e. MHAC Comments
- VII. Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 19, 2025
- VIII. Adjourn



## **IV. MED-QUEST UPDATES**

**a. STAY WELL STAY COVERED - RETURN TO NORMAL ELIGIBILITY RENEWALS PROCESS**

**b. OTHER UPDATES**

**I. WAIVER RENEWALS**

**II. BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE PROCESS**

**III. NATIONAL/STATE ELECTIONS**

**IV. MEMBER ENGAGEMENT**

**c. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**d. MHAC COMMENTS**



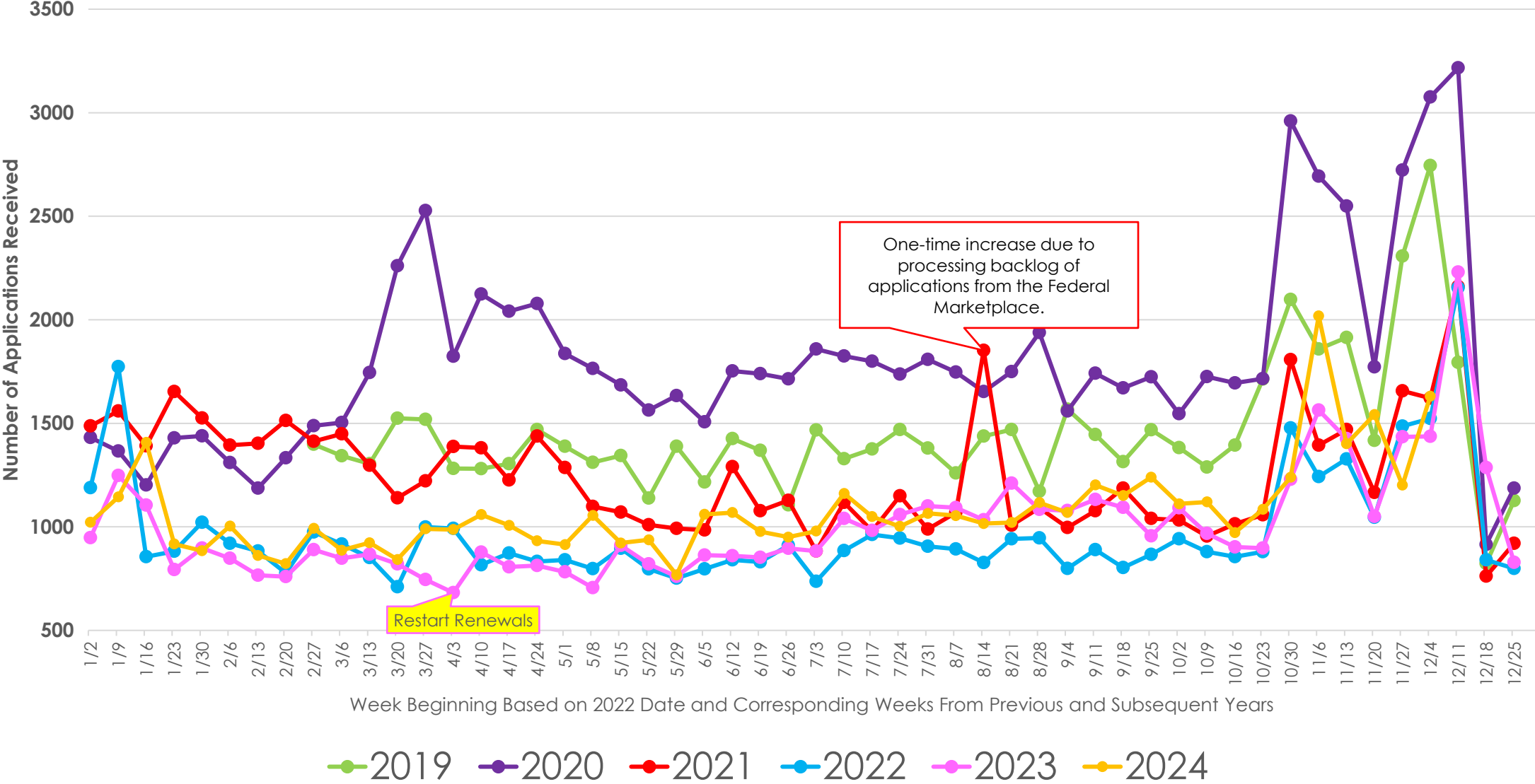
## **IV. MED-QUEST UPDATES**

**a. STAY WELL STAY COVERED - RETURN TO NORMAL ELIGIBILITY RENEWALS PROCESS**

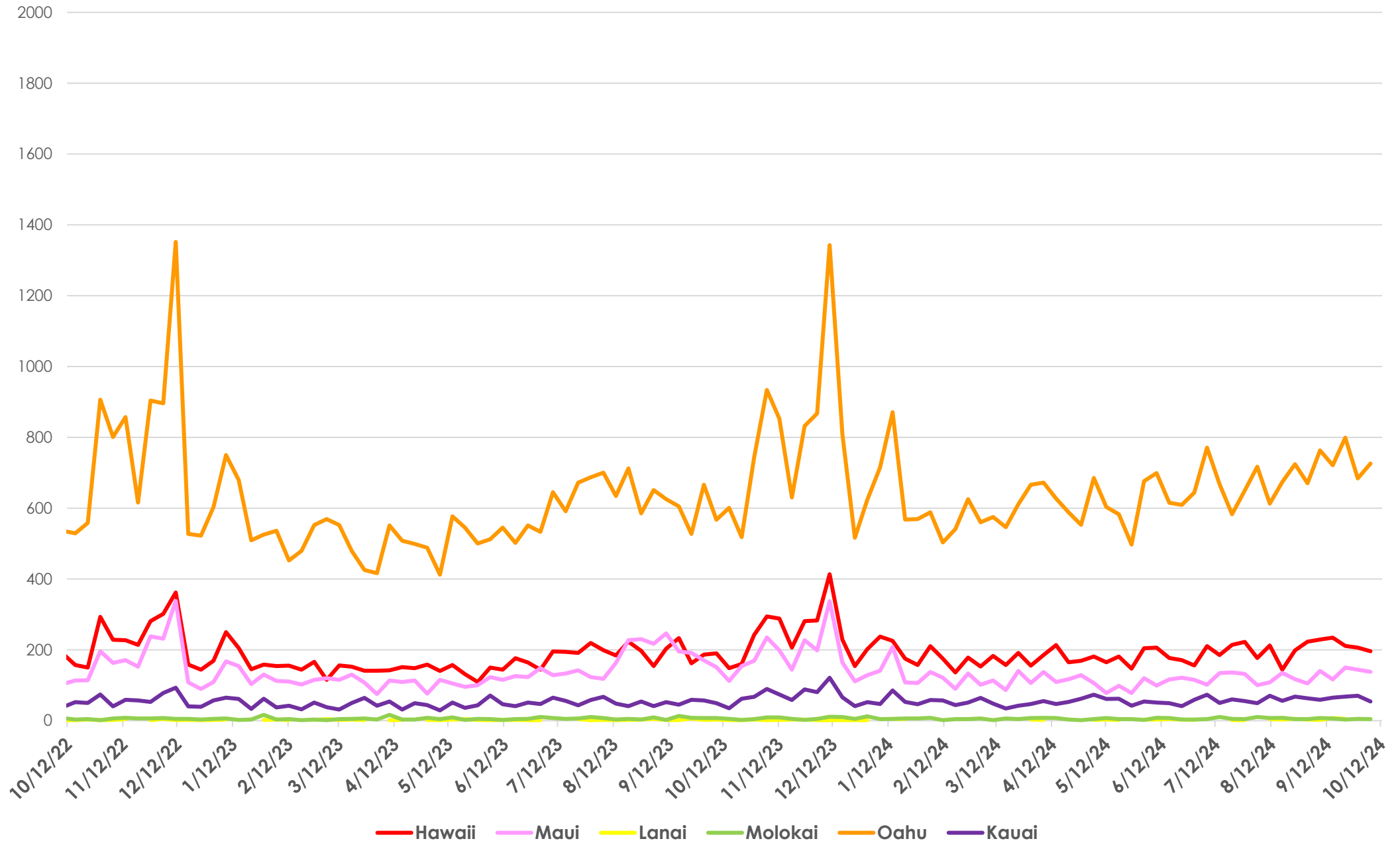


# Hawai'i Medicaid Applications Received:

March 2020 to March 2023 MQD Received 209,251 Applications  
As of April 2023 - December 7, 2024 MQD has received 93,498 Applications



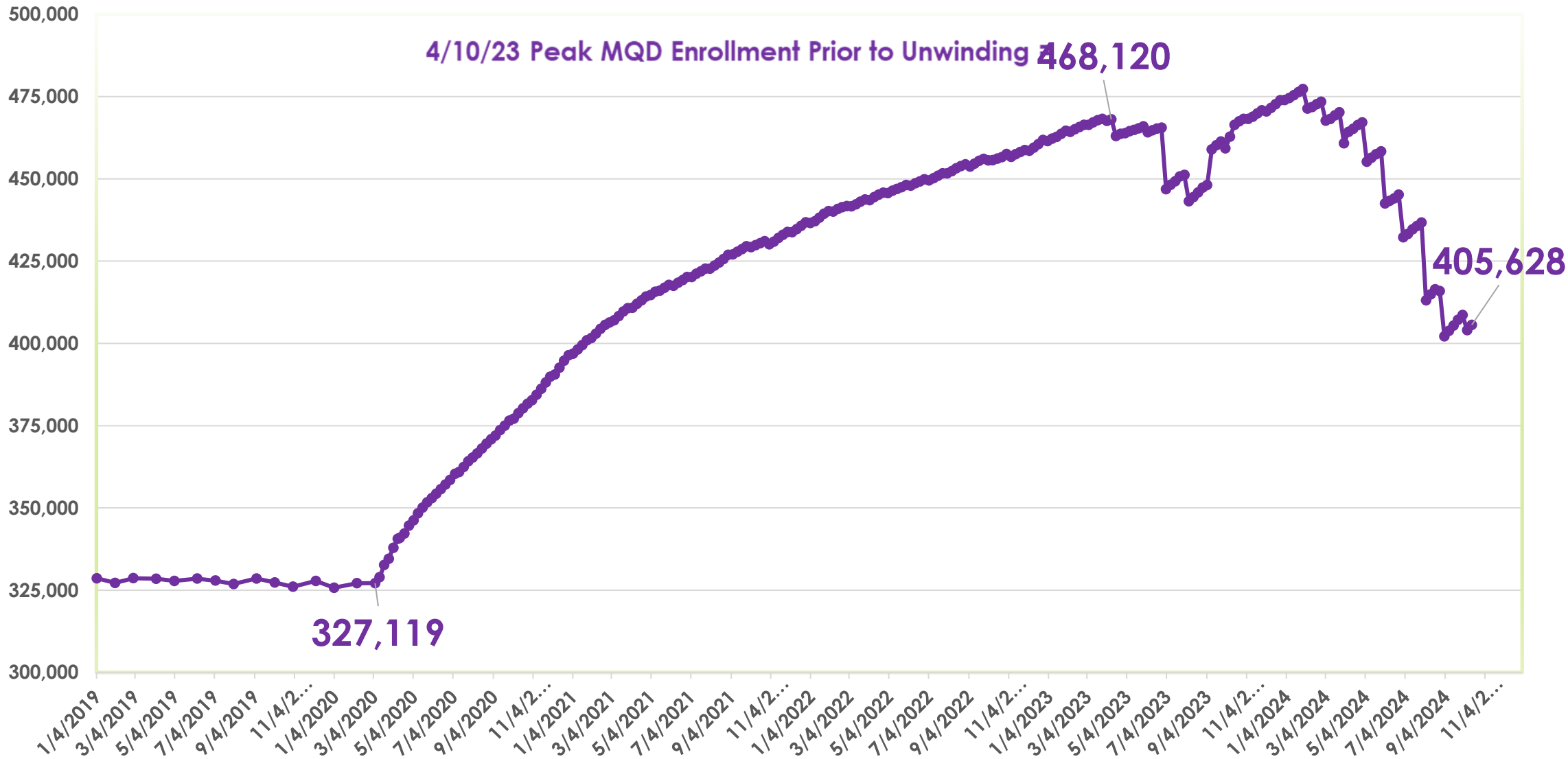
# Applications by Island for past 2 years, 10/12/22- 10/12/24



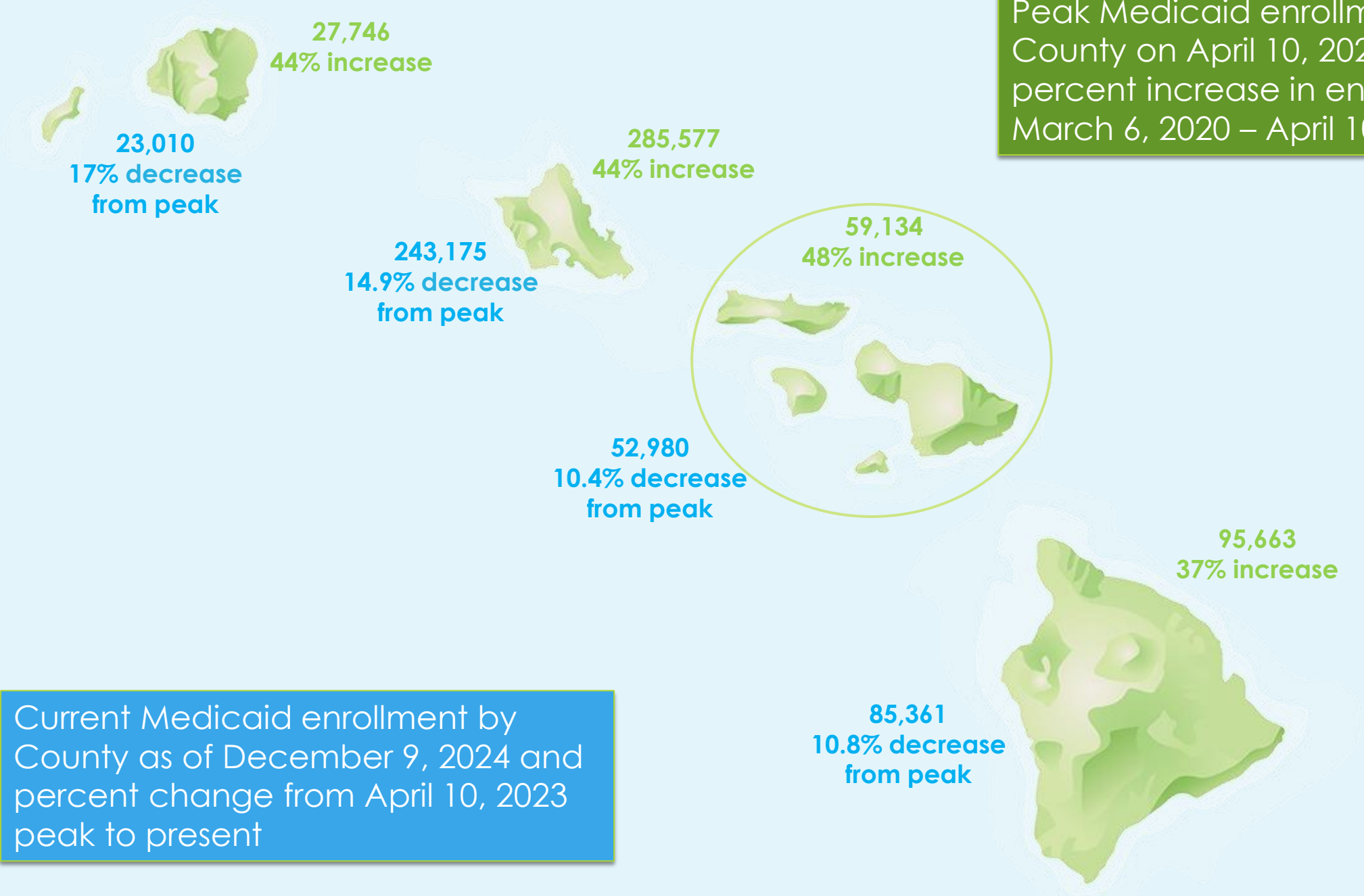
# Hawai'i Medicaid Monthly Enrollment: January 2019 to December 9, 2024

141,001 New Enrollments from 3/6/2020 – 4/10/2023 (43% Increase)

63,594 fewer enrollments from 4/10/23 to 12/9/24 (13.6% decrease from peak enrollment prior to unwinding)



Peak Medicaid enrollment by County on April 10, 2023 and percent increase in enrollments from March 6, 2020 – April 10, 2023



Current Medicaid enrollment by County as of December 9, 2024 and percent change from April 10, 2023 peak to present



## **IV. MED-QUEST UPDATES**

### **c. OTHER UPDATES**



## **i. Waiver Renewals**



## **ii. Budget and Legislative Process**



### **iii. National/State Elections**



## **iv. Member Engagement**



## **d. PUBLIC COMMENT**



## **e. MHAC COMMENT**



**V. STATE PLAN AMENDMENT (SPA) PRESENTATIONS AND  
DISCUSSIONS: UPDATES 12/11/24**





**a. STATE PLAN AMENDMENT: UPDATES -  
PRESENTATION ON THE STATUS OF STATE PLAN  
AMENDMENTS PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED BY THE  
MHAC**



# State Plan Updates

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- SPA 24-0007 Vaccine Administration increase-**Approved 11/13/24 Effective Date 10/01/24**
- SPA 24-0012 Personal Needs Allowance increase- **Approved 10/28/24 Effective Date 10/01/24**
- SPA 24-0013 Income Standard of Optional State Supplemental Program increase -**Approved 11/15/24 Effective Date 10/01/24**
- SPA 23-0007 Medicaid Application (DHS 1100 “Application For Health Coverage & Help Paying Costs”) –**Under CMS review**
- SPA 24-0002 Diabetes Prevention **Program-SPA in RAI**



**b. STATE PLAN AMENDMENT PRESENTATIONS AND  
DISCUSSIONS: NEW - PRESENTATION OF STATE  
PLAN AMENDMENTS CURRENTLY BEING SUBMITTED  
FOR CMS APPROVAL**



# SPA 24-0011 Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD) Modifier updates

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## Background:

On September 15, 2023, Hawaii Department of Health Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD) completed a rate study to evaluate the reimbursement rates for many of their covered services.

## Supplement 3 to Attachment 4.19-B pg. 1-6

1. Updated rates with recommendations from CAMHD SFY 2025 Rate Study
2. Added new codes: “On Track” H2040 and H2041 and T1019 “Personal care services”.

## Attachment 4.19-B pg. 8.3a

1. Housekeeping edit to align with SPA 23-0008 Approval

**Submission to CMS- December 27, 2024**

**Proposed Effective Date December 28, 2024**



# SPA 24-0014 “Annual Reporting on the Child and Adult Core Set” Reviewable Unit

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## Background:

The Medicaid & CHIP Program (MACPro) system released a new State Plan Amendment (SPA) Reporting reviewable unit (RU) on April 19, 2024, for states and territories to attest to annual state mandatory reporting of the Child Core Set and behavioral health measures on the Adult Core Set required under 1902(b), 1915(f), and 1116 of the Social Security Act.

Hawaii is submitting SPA 24-0014 “Annual Reporting on the Child and Adult Core Sets” reviewable unit to attest that we will meet the requirements, effective December 31, 2024.

**Submission to CMS- December 27, 2024**

**Proposed Effective Date December 31, 2024**



# SPA 25-0002 Pharmacy Intern and Pharmacy Technician Services

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## Background:

On June 28, 2024, HB2553 was signed into Hawaii law (Act 104). Under the new law, licensed pharmacists are authorized to administer vaccines to persons three years of age or older. Pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist are also allowed to administer vaccinations to persons three years of age or older, if certain requirements are met, effective January 1, 2025.

During the emergency period beginning March 11, 2021, Hawaii temporarily allowed pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians to administer vaccines under the provisions of 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act. We are submitting this SPA to meet new state regulations and to add pharmacy technicians and interns going forward.

## Supplement to Attachment 3.1-A and 3.1-B pg. 2

i. Services provided by Pharmacy Interns and Pharmacy Tech Specialists under the supervision of a Licensed Pharmacist.

**Submission to CMS- December 27, 2024**

**Proposed Effective Date January 1, 2025**



# SPA 25-0003 Payment Methodology for Covered Outpatient Drugs

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## Background:

Coverage of certain medications allowed under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) and payment methodology beginning January 1, 2025.

## Supplement to Attachment 3.1-A and 3.1-B pg. 3.2

"Select prescribed drugs when medically necessary. Select prescribed drugs that are not covered outpatient drugs (including drugs authorized for import by the Food and Drug Administration) are also covered when medically necessary during drug shortages identified by the Food and Drug Administration."

## Attachment 4.19-B pg 7

"J. Select prescribed drugs that do not meet the definition of covered outpatient drugs will be reimbursed at the same rate as covered outpatient drugs."

**Submission to CMS- December 27, 2024**

**Proposed Effective Date January 1, 2025**



## **c. STATE PLAN AMENDMENT: Coming Soon**

- **SPA 25-0001 Optional State Supplemental Income**
- **SPA 25-0004 Mandatory Coverage for Eligible Juveniles who are inmates of a Public Institution Post Adjudication of Charges**





## **d. PUBLIC COMMENT**



## **e. MHAC COMMENT**



**VI. NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025**

**VII. ADJOURN**



A photograph of a lush field of taro plants. The plants feature large, heart-shaped, vibrant green leaves with prominent veins. The stems are thick and dark green. The background shows more of the same plants, creating a dense, green canopy. The word "Mahalo!" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font across the middle of the image.

**Mahalo!**