

Med-QUEST Healthcare Advisory Committee

DATE 04/16/2025



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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. Federal Administration Change
 - c. Hawaii Legislature
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. MHAC 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. SPA 25-0006 Nursing Facility edits age 21 and over alignment
 - c. State Plan Amendments: Coming Soon – Presentation on upcoming State Plan Amendments
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. MHAC Comment
- VI. Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 18, 2025
- VII. Adjourn



IV. MQD UPDATES:

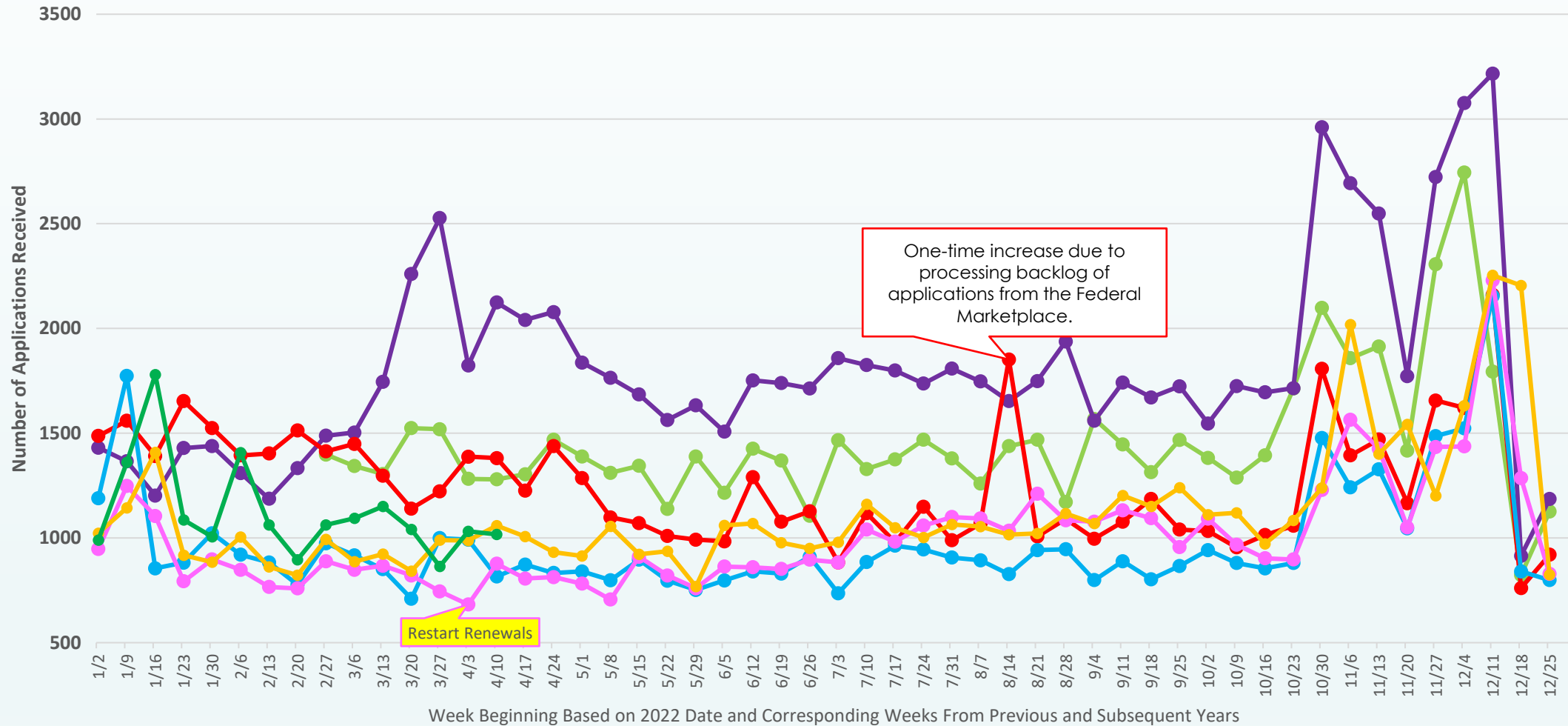
A. Stay Well Stay Covered - Re-Restart of Renewals



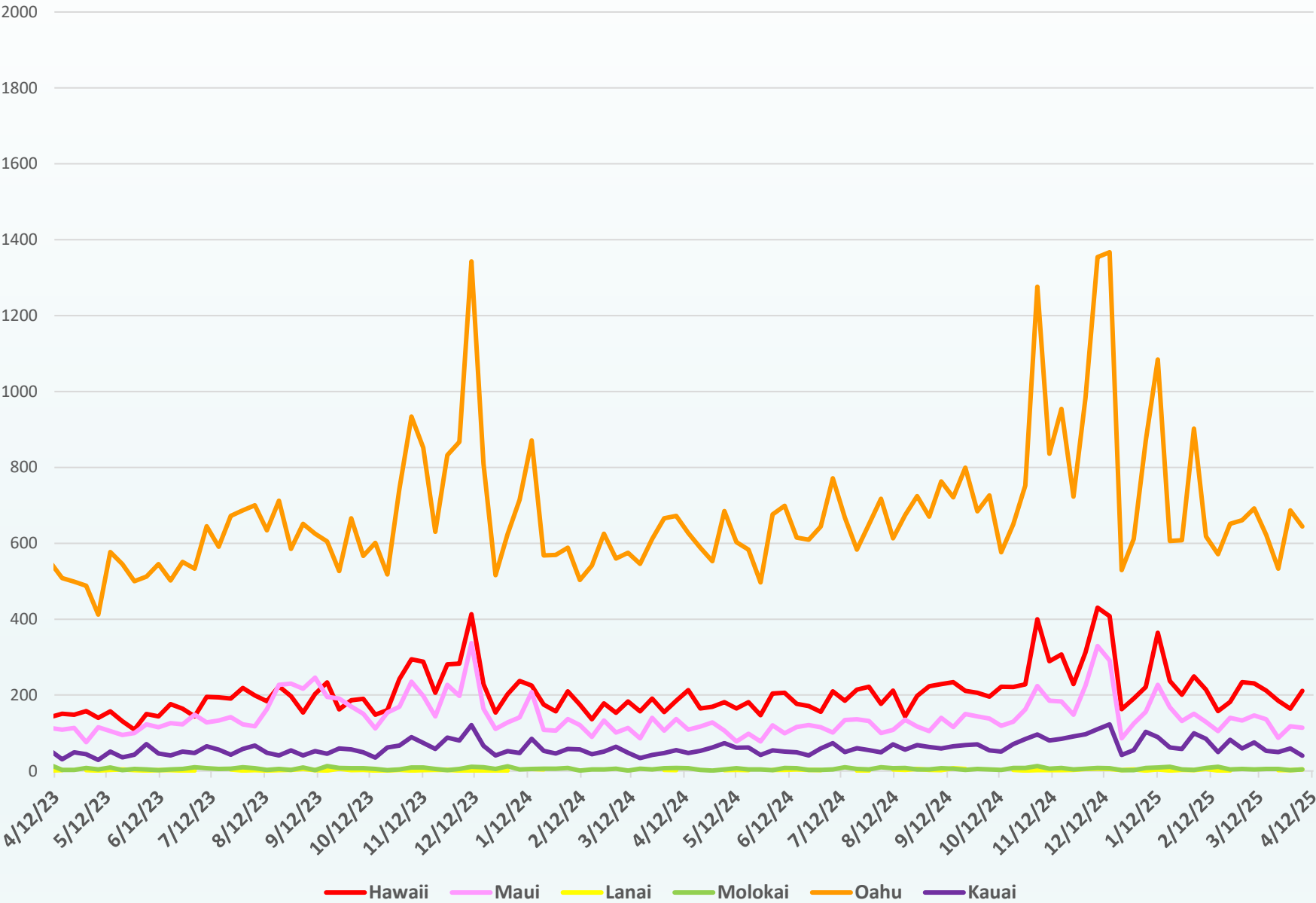
Hawai'i Medicaid Applications Received:

March 2020 to March 2023 MQD Received 209,251 Applications

As of April 2023 - April 12, 2025 MQD has received 115,630 Applications



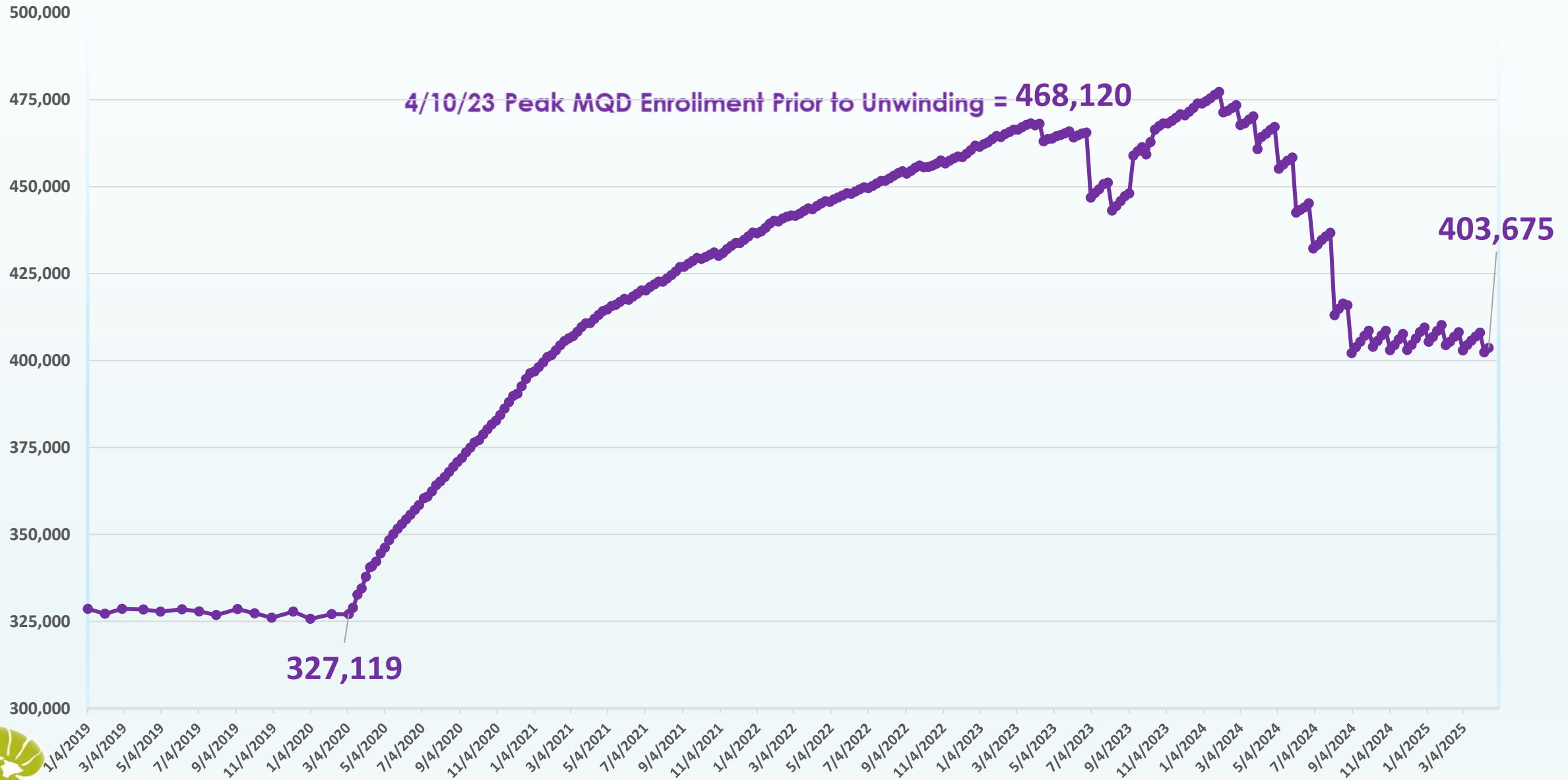
Applications by Island for past 2 years, 4/12/23- 4/12/25



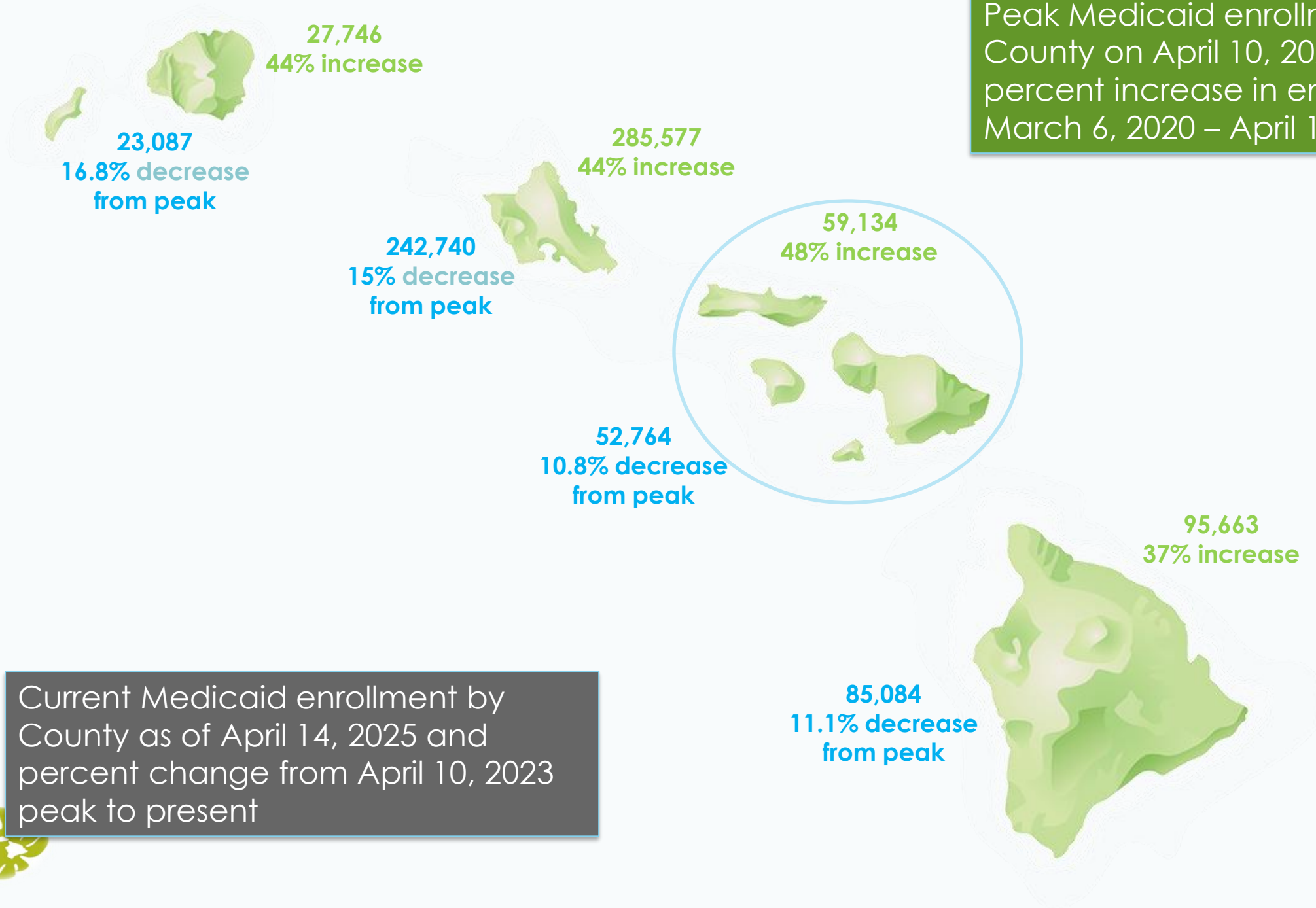
Hawai'i Medicaid Monthly Enrollment: January 2019 to April 14, 2025

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

64,445 fewer enrollments from 4/10/23 to 4/14/25 (13.7% 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 April 14, 2025 and percent change from April 10, 2023 peak to present

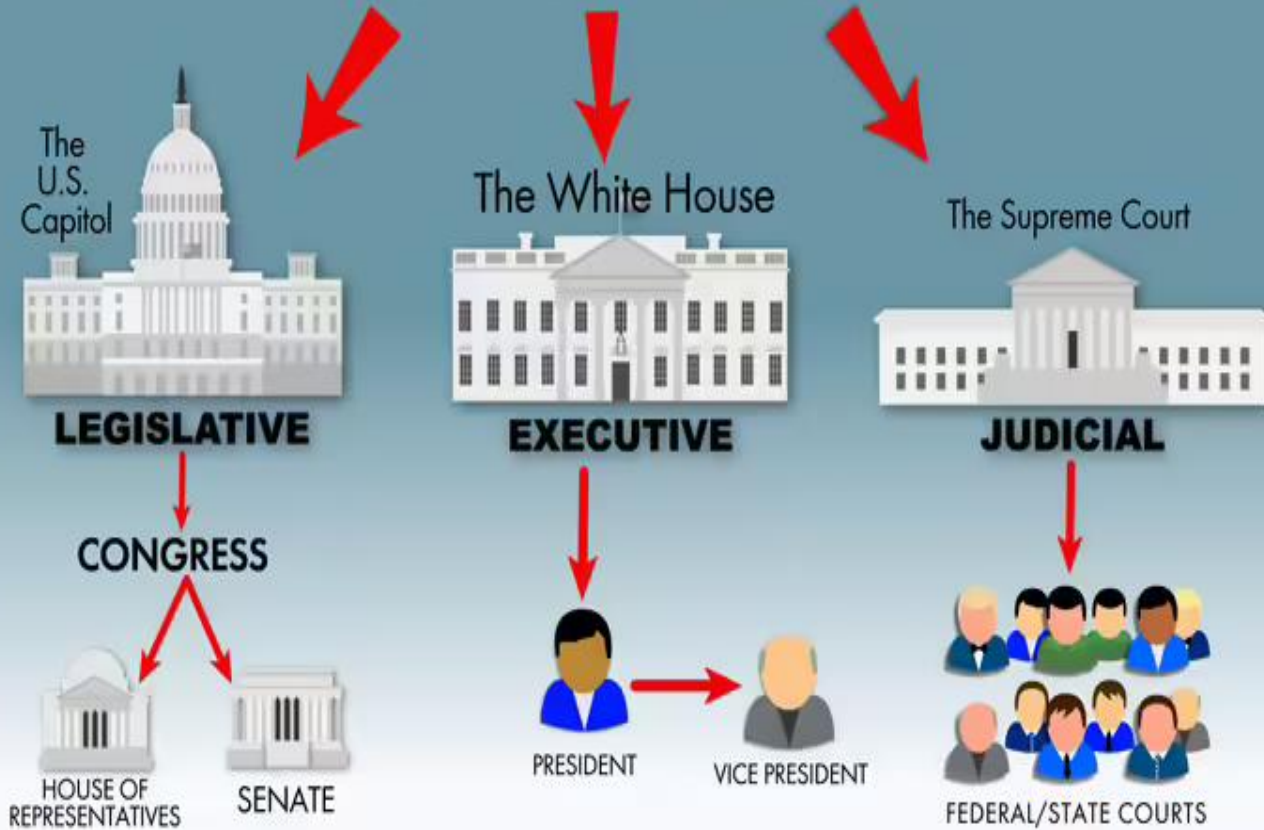
IV. MQD UPDATES:

B. FEDERAL UPDATE



Tracking Federal Changes

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Health and Human Services
– Policy, Re-Org & Lay-offs

Congress: Budget Reconciliation
and potential cuts to Medicaid

Judicial – Stays, lawsuits



IV. MQD UPDATES:

C. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



Hawaii Legislative Front:

The 2025 legislature will wrap up in 2.5 weeks and some bills MQD is tracking are in the following areas:

- ✓ Third Party Liability changes (our Admin bill)
- ✓ Increased reimbursement rates In-Home HCBS (Duplicative of MQD budget request) & a Rate Study for “Home Health” services
- ✓ Telehealth – Extend sunset date
- ✓ ~~Benefit/Services expansions~~ (Resolutions: Auditor’s review “Sunrise analyses”)
- ✓ Pharmacists’ expansion for billable services & Creating a new type of provider, “Rural Emergency Hospital
- ✓ Budget: Governor’s Budget → Finance → Ways and Means → **Conference** → back to Governor
 - Special Fund allocation from “Sustainability programs”
 - In-Home long-term care services reimbursement rate increase
 - Continued funding for Medical Professional rate increase to Medicare levels; for Child Wellness Incentive pilot; Death benefit for “unclaimed bodies”



d. PUBLIC COMMENT



e. MHAC COMMENT



V. STATE PLAN AMENDMENT (SPA) PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS



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



State Plan Updates

- **SPA 25-0003 Payment Methodology for Covered Outpatient Drugs** Approved 03/18/25 Effective 01/01/25
- **SPA 25-0002 Pharmacy Intern and Pharmacy Technician Services** Approved 03/14/25 Effective 01/01/25
- **SPA 25-0011 Child and Mental Health Division (CAMHD) Modifier updates** Approved 03/26/25 Effective 12/28/24
- **SPA 25-0001 Yearly Optional State Supplementary Payment** Approved 03/28/25 Effective 01/01/25
- **SPA 25-0005 Non-Discrimination Language Updates** Approved 04/02/25 Effective 01/01/25
- **SPA 25-0004 Mandatory Coverage for Eligible Juveniles who are Inmates of a Public Institution Post Adjudication of Charges** Under CMS review. Submitted 03/21/25, Effective 01/01/25



State Plan Updates cont.

- SPA 24-0002 Diabetes Prevention Program-In RAI
- SPA 24-0008 Third Party Liability Assurances- In RAI
- SPA 23-0007 Medicaid Application-In RAI



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



SPA 25-0006 Nursing Facility edits age 21 and over alignment

Background:

- This is a housekeeping SPA in response to CMS recommendations when Hawaii submitted SPA 24-0005 in adding Marriage Family Therapist and Mental Health Counselors as accepted Medicaid providers for Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics. (see Approval Package HI-24-0005) Because the language was on the same page approved- Hawaii needed to address CMS concern but had the option to update language per CMS recommendations, later by submitting a new SPA.

Supplement to Attachment 3.1-A and 3.1-B pg. 5:

23d. and 24d.

Authorization by the Department's medical consultant is required for level of care (LOC) and admission to a Nursing Facility (NF). **Note: LOC is ordered by a physician and approved by its medical consultant.** Pre-admission screening is also required for admission to the NF.

Submission to CMS- prior to June 30, 2025

Proposed Effective Date May 1, 2025



C. STATE PLAN AMENDMENT: Coming Soon

- **25-0007 Medical Care Advisory Committees (MCAC) Requirements**



d. PUBLIC COMMENT



e. MHAC COMMENT



VI. Next Meeting: June 18, 2025

VII. ADJOURN





Mahalo!