



Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) Meeting

March 12, 2026



OUR AGENDA FOR TODAY

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- 1. MHAC to MAC Transition
Background, transition, and expanded scope.**
- 2. MAC Bylaws**
- 3. Med-QUEST Application and Enrollment
Numbers**
- 4. Med-QUEST Dental**
- 5. State Plan Amendment (SPA) Presentations and
Discussions**
- 6. Next Steps**

Meeting Guidelines

During the Meeting

- This meeting is being **recorded** for internal minutes only and **will not be shared or posted**.
- Chat feature is **disabled**.
- Please remain **muted** until acknowledged by the host.
- Please raise your **virtual hand** to speak.
- Phone participants not on Teams dial ***5** to raise your **virtual hand**.
- When called on, you may share **your name** and **turn on your camera**, if comfortable.

Questions and Comments

- Members are encouraged to ask questions and share feedback throughout the meeting.
- Questions and comments can also be confidentially submitted after the meeting to MQDMAC@dhs.hawaii.gov





MHAC to MAC Transition

Background, transition, and expanded scope

MHAC to MAC Transition

- The April 2024 CMS Access Final Rule established the Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC) and required changes to the existing advisory structure.
- Moving forward, the Medicaid Healthcare Advisory Council (MHAC) will continue its work as the Medicaid Advisory Council (MAC), with an expanded scope.
- The MAC will continue to foster open communication, collaboration, transparency, and accountability to improve the Med-QUEST Division.



COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS





MAC Bylaws

Review and discuss

MAC Bylaws

- **What are bylaws?**
 - The written rules that guide how the MAC operates, including member roles and how the committee carries out its responsibilities.
- **Why are bylaws important?**
 - Bylaws are required by CMS and ensure transparency, structure, and accountability.
- **What is the purpose of today's review?**
 - To identify updates or changes needed to keep bylaws clear and effective.



MAC Bylaws

■ Article I: Name

- The name of this committee shall be the Med-QUEST Medicaid Advisory Council (MAC).

■ Article II: Purpose

- The Med-QUEST MAC will amplify the voices of Hawai'i's Medicaid stakeholders to collaborate in the planning, delivery, and assessment of MQD services and programs to promote the well-being of its members.

■ Article III: Mission

- The Med-QUEST MAC will empower Hawai'i Medicaid stakeholders to improve and sustain the well-being of Med-QUEST members by providing a forum to make recommendations on how to develop, promote, and administer innovative and high-quality healthcare programs with Aloha!



MAC Bylaws

- **Article IV: Membership**

- **Composition**

- The MAC shall be comprised of state or local consumer advocacy groups or community-based organizations, clinical providers or administrators, QUEST Health Plans, Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC) members, and other state agencies. 25% of MAC members must come from the BAC, whose members are comprised of current or former Medicaid beneficiaries, their family members, or their caregivers.

- **Terms**

- MAC members will serve a term up to 24 months. MAC members may reapply for membership after one-year break following their term.

- **Selection**

- MAC members will be selected through an application process overseen by Med-QUEST.



MAC Bylaws

▪ Responsibilities

- Attend all meetings (in person or virtually)
- Actively participate in discussions and advise the state regarding their experience with the Med-QUEST program
- Consider and promote the well-being of the Med-QUEST member population and the healthcare delivery system as a whole.



MAC Bylaws

▪ **Article V: Meetings Frequency**

- The MAC will meet at least once per quarter. Additional meetings may be scheduled as necessary. At least once a quarter, BAC meetings must occur prior to MAC meetings.

▪ **Quorum**

- A quorum shall consist of at least 50% of the council membership and at least 1 BAC council member.

▪ **Meeting Format**

- Meetings may be conducted in person and/or virtually to accommodate member participation. Dial-in option is required for all meetings.



MAC Bylaws

■ Public Access

- It is intended for all MAC meetings to be open to the public.
- MAC bylaws, meeting schedules, agendas, and minutes will be posted on the Med-QUEST website.

■ Meetings

- Meeting minutes will be published on the Med-QUEST website within 30 days of MAC Committee approval.



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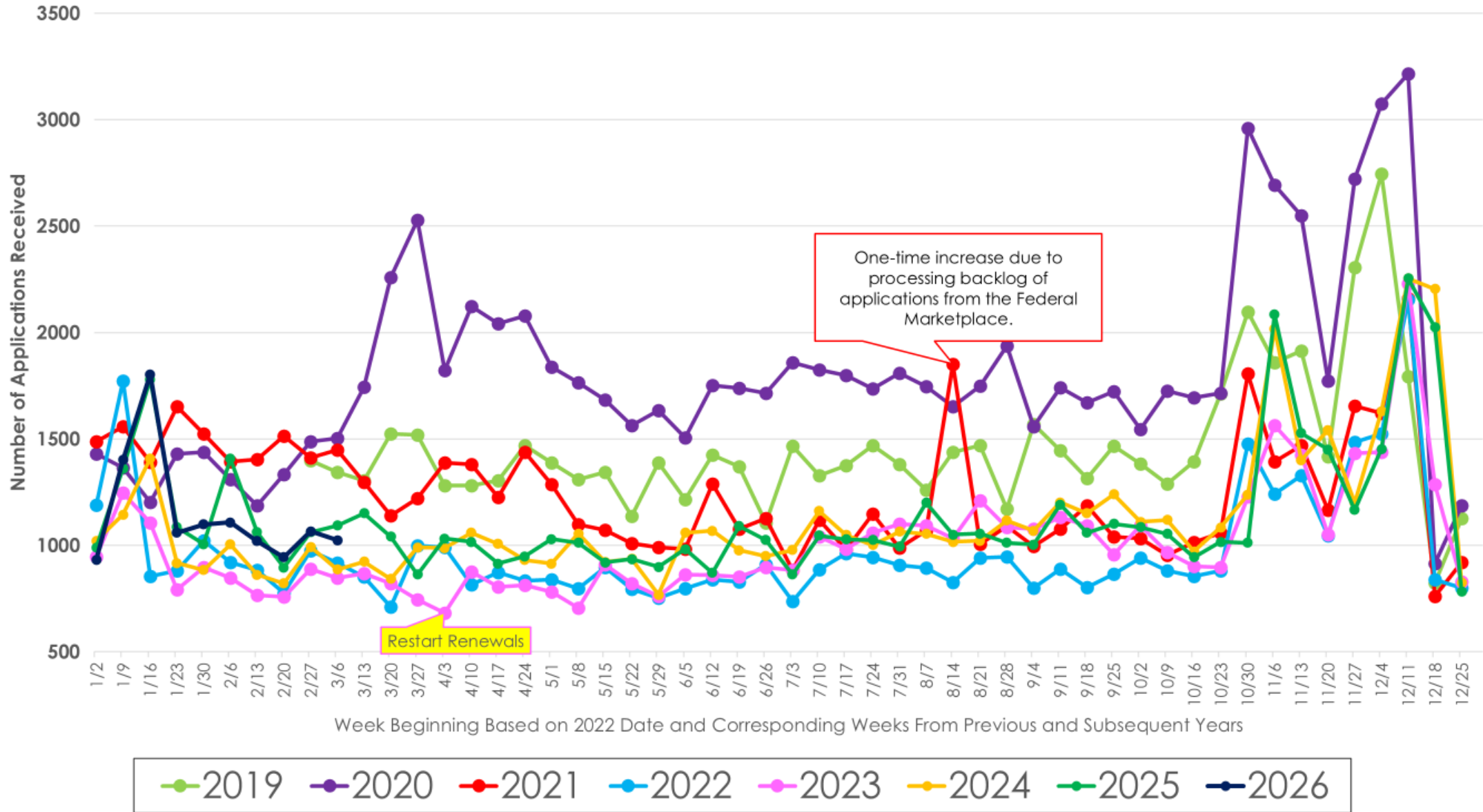




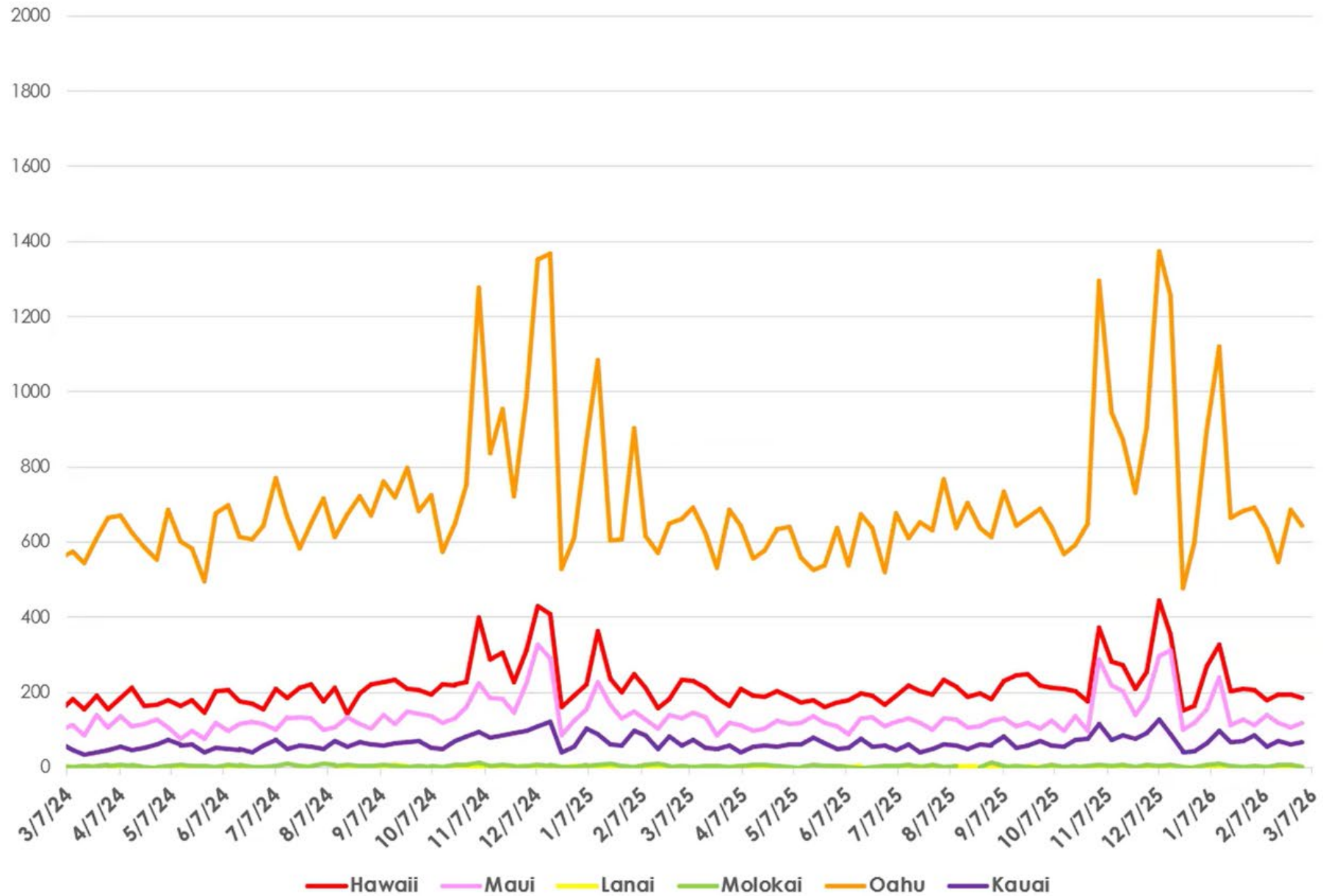
Med-QUEST Application and Enrollment Numbers

Hawai'i Medicaid Applications Received:

March 2020 to March 2023 MQD Received 209,251 Applications
As of April 2023 - March 7, 2026 MQD has received 169,204 Applications



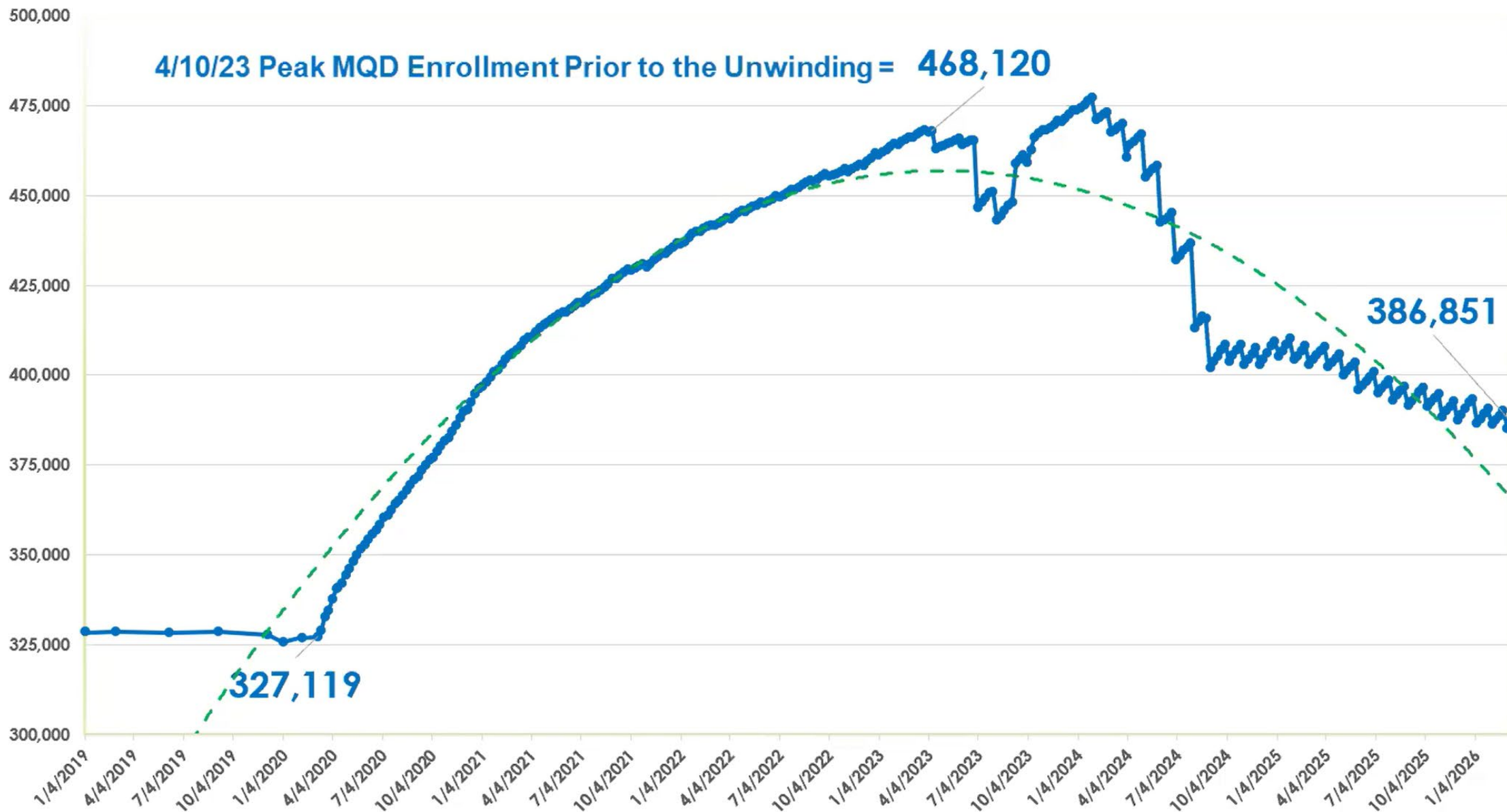
Applications by Island for past 2 years, 3/7/24- 3/7/26



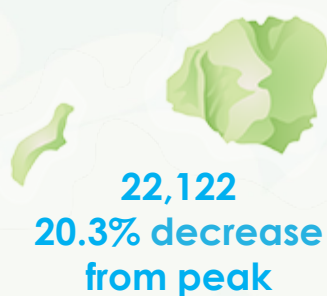
Hawai'i Medicaid Monthly Enrollment and Trend: January 2019 to March 9, 2026

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

81,269 fewer enrollments from 4/10/23 to 3/9/26 (17.3% 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



27,746
44% increase



285,577
44% increase



59,134
48% increase



95,663
37% increase

Current Medicaid enrollment by County as of March 2, 2026 and percent change from April 10, 2023 peak to present

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS





Med-QUEST Dental

Updates 03/12/26

Dental Updates

Medicaid remains committed to developing dental benefits especially in the following areas:

- 1) The prevention of disease for adults and children
- 2) Services for the intellectually or developmentally disabled, or medically frail, including adults
- 3) Financial value: The proper use of available financial resources toward outcomes with higher health



Specific Updates for 2026

- 1) Introduction of an additional "dental cleaning" code, to help prevent the development of periodontal disease in adults (D4346)
- 2) Expansion of the behavior management benefit to adults, thereby increasing access to care for I/DD individuals to basic dental services (D9920)

Potential topics for 2027 updates:

Expanding denture coverage

Expanding endodontic coverage



COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS





STATE PLAN AMENDMENT (SPA) PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS:

Updates 03/12/26

STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS:

UPDATES – ON THE STATUS OF STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED BY THE MHAC



STATE PLAN UPDATES

- SPA 25-0011 PROVIDER LICENSURE **APPROVED 02/23/26, EFFECTIVE 01/01/26**
- SPA 25-0016 TICKET TO WORK AND WORK INCENTIVES IMPROVEMENT ACT (TWWIIA) GROUP-REMOVAL OF INCOME AND RESOURCES STANDARD **EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/01/2026 -MOVING THROUGH CLEARANCE PROCESS.**
- SPA 25-0017 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IN FQHC/RHC AND PPS PAYMENT METHODOLOGY **EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/08/2025—UNDER CMS REVIEW.**
- SPA 25-0012 CLINIC SERVICES **—IN RAI, RECEIVED COMMENTS FROM CMS**
- SPA 23-0007 MEDICAID APPLICATION-**IN RAI, RECEIVED COMMENTS FROM CMS**
- SPA 25-0007 MEDICAL CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEES (MCAC) REQUIREMENTS **—SPA NOT REQUIRED AT THIS TIME**
- SPA 25-0004 TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT- **ADDING JUVENILE JUSTICE INDIVIDUALS (ADULT CHILDREN, DDID) —NEW SPA REFERENCE NUMBER (26-0003) AND SUBMISSION DATE 06/2026.**



**STATE PLAN AMENDMENT PRESENTATIONS AND
DISCUSSIONS: NEW
STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS CURRENTLY BEING
SUBMITTED FOR CMS APPROVAL**



SPA 26-0001 OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT

BACKGROUND:

THIS AMENDMENT IS REQUIRED ANNUALLY 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.

OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENT BENEFICIARIES REVIEWABLE UNIT:

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026, SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI) BENEFICIARIES RECEIVED AN 2.8% COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT INCREASE FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. THIS AMENDMENT IS REQUIRED TO INCREASE THE MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS FOR DOMICILIARY CARE TYPE I FROM \$1796.00 TO \$1823.00 AND FOR DOMICILIARY CARE TYPE II FROM \$1904.00 TO \$1,931.00.

SUBMISSION TO CMS: 03/30/26 EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/01/2026



SPA 26-0002 LICENSED NON-NURSE MIDWIVES

BACKGROUND:

HAWAII IS ADDING LICENSED NON-NURSE MIDWIFE DEFINITION TO THE “SERVICE OF OTHER PROVIDERS” SECTION IN OUR MEDICAID STATE PLAN. HAWAII INTENDS TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC TYPES OF LICENSED NON-NURSE MIDWIVES [I.E. CERTIFIED MIDWIVES (CMS) AND CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES (CPM)] AS IDENTIFIED IN HRS 457J.

SUPPLEMENT TO ATTACHMENT 3.1-A AND 3.1-B-ADDENDUM 3:

LICENSED NON-NURSE MIDWIFE SERVICES PROVIDED BY A LICENSED NON-NURSE MIDWIFE AS DESIGNATED UNDER AND WITHIN THEIR SCOPE OF PRACTICE ACCORDING TO HRS 457J AS LICENSED MIDWIFE PRACTICING AS A CM OR LICENSED MIDWIFE PRACTICING AS A CPM.

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SPA 26-0005 MEDICARE APPLICATION REQUIREMENT

BACKGROUND:

IN 2008, CONNECTED TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT CASE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES V. DUBLINO, 413 U.S. 403 (1973) HAWAII SELECTED THE OPTION THAT “IT IS REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR COVERAGE UNDER MEDICARE PARTS A, B, AND/OR D IF IT IS LIKELY THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WOULD MEET THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ANY OR ALL OF THOSE PROGRAMS.”

ATTACHMENT 2.6-A PG. 3.C

BY REMOVING THIS SELECTION WE ARE HOPING THAT IT WILL DECREASE THE AMOUNT OF MEDICAID APPLICATIONS AWAITING MEDICARE APPROVAL FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.

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STATE PLAN AMENDMENT: COMING SOON

- **CHIP SPA 25-0006 DENTAL SERVICES HSI**
- **SPA 26-0004 SCHOOL BASED HEALTH SERVICES**
- **SPA 26-0003 TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE INDIVIDUALS**



COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS





Next Steps

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- The next MAC meeting is scheduled on Thursday, May 28, 2026, from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.





MAHALO!

MAC TEAM