

FISCAL SNAPSHOT

MEDICAID CASELOADS

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Background

Prior to the recent passage of the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, the federal Family First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020 allowed states to receive an enhanced 6.2-percentage-point increase in federal Medicaid reimbursement percentage (FMAP) if the state agreed to not close Medicaid cases, with very limited exceptions, until the federal public health emergency declaration expires. The federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 decouples Medicaid cases and FMAP from the federal public health emergency and instead phases out the enhanced FMAP to 5.0 percentage points on April 1, 2023, 2.5 percentage points on July 1, 2023, and 1.5 percentage points on October 1, 2023, and ends the enhanced FMAP on January 1, 2024. Similarly, the act restarts annual Medicaid case eligibility redeterminations on April 1, 2023.

Recent Activity

As highlighted in gray in the figures that follow, since the federal public health emergency declaration and its associated prohibition on closing Medicaid cases, traditional Medicaid caseloads have increased by approximately 385,000 (or 22.5%), and Healthy Michigan Plan caseloads have increased by approximately 390,000 (or 59%).

Upcoming Activity

Beginning in April, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will begin redetermining Medicaid cases. (More information on their planned redetermination process can be found here.) Once redetermination begins, HFA anticipates, as shown in the figures below, a fairly rapid caseload decline as Medicaid cases that would have been closed under normal circumstances are processed, followed by a more gradual decline back to pre-pandemic caseload trends.



