

Maryland Managed Care Program Features, as of 2021

Features	HealthChoice	PACE
Program type	Comprehensive MCO	Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)
Statewide or region-specific?	Statewide	21202, 21205, 21206, 21213, 21214, 21217, 21218, 21219, 21220, 21221, 21222, 21224, 21227, 21231, 21237, 21052
Federal operating authority	1115(a) (Medicaid demonstration waivers)	PACE
Program start date	07/01/1997	11/01/2002
Waiver expiration date (if applicable)	12/31/2026	
If the program ended in 2020, indicate the end date		
Populations enrolled: Low-income adults <u>not covered</u> under ACA Section VIII (excludes pregnant women and people with disabilities)	Mandatory	
Populations enrolled: Low-income adults <u>covered</u> under ACA Section VIII (excludes pregnant women and people with disabilities)	Mandatory	
Populations enrolled: Aged, Blind or Disabled Children or Adults	Mandatory	Voluntary
Populations enrolled: Non-Disabled Children (excludes children in foster care or receiving adoption assistance)	Mandatory	
Populations enrolled: Individuals receiving Limited Benefits (excludes partial duals)		
Populations enrolled: Full Duals		Voluntary
Populations enrolled: Children with Special Health Care Needs	Mandatory	
Populations enrolled: American Indian/Alaska Native	Mandatory	Exempt

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Populations enrolled: Foster Care and Adoption Assistance Children	Mandatory	Exempt
Populations enrolled: Enrollment choice period	Other	N/A
Populations enrolled: Enrollment broker name (if applicable)	Maryland Health Benefit Exchange	
Populations enrolled: Notes on enrollment choice period	Individuals may apply for Medicaid and HealthChoice at any time.	
Benefits covered: Inpatient hospital physical health	X	X
Benefits covered: Inpatient hospital behavioral health (MH and/or SUD)		
Benefits covered: Outpatient hospital physical health	X	X
Benefits covered: Outpatient hospital behavioral health (MH and/or SUD)		
Benefits covered: Partial hospitalization		
Benefits covered: Physician	X	X
Benefits covered: Nurse practitioner	X	X
Benefits covered: Rural health clinics and FQHCs	X	X
Benefits covered: Clinic services	X	X
Benefits covered: Lab and x-ray	X	X
Benefits covered: Prescription drugs	X	X
Benefits covered: Prosthetic devices	X	X
Benefits covered: EPSDT	X	X
Benefits covered: Case management	X	X
Benefits covered: SSA Section 1945-authorized Health Home		

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Benefits covered: Home health services (services in home)	X	X
Benefits covered: Family planning	X	
Benefits covered: Dental services (medical/surgical)		
Benefits covered: Dental (preventative or corrective)		
Benefits covered: Personal care (state plan option)		X
Benefits covered: HCBS waiver services		
Benefits covered: Private duty nursing	X	X
Benefits covered: ICF-IDD		
Benefits covered: Nursing facility services	X	X
Benefits covered: Hospice care	X	
Benefits covered: Non-Emergency Medical Transportation		
Benefits covered: Institution for Mental Disease inpatient treatment for people ages 21-64 defined by 42 CFR §438.6(e) as an 'in lieu of' benefit		
Benefits covered: Other (e.g., nurse midwife services, freestanding birth centers, podiatry, etc.)	Nurse midwives, freestanding birthing centers, podiatry (routine footcare for <21 and diabetics), diabetes prevention and telehealth.	Multidisciplinary assessment and treatment planning; Social work services; Nutritional counseling; Recreational therapy; Certain meals; Medical specialty services; prosthetics, orthotics, corrective vision devices, such as eyeglasses and lenses, hearing aids, dentures, and repair and maintenance of these items; Assisted living; and other services determined necessary by the multidisciplinary team to improve and maintain the participant's overall health status.

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Quality assurance and improvement: HEDIS data required?	Yes	No
Quality assurance and improvement: CAHPS data required?	Yes	No
Quality assurance and improvement: Accreditation required?	Yes	No
Quality assurance and improvement: Accrediting organization	NCQA	
Quality assurance and improvement: EQRO contractor name (if applicable)	Qlarant Quality Solutions, Inc.	
Performance incentives: Payment bonuses/differentials to reward plans	X	
Performance incentives: Preferential auto-enrollment to reward plans		
Performance incentives: Public reports comparing plan performance on key metrics	X	
Performance incentives: Withholds tied to performance metrics		
Performance incentives: MCOs/PHPs required or encouraged to pay providers for value/quality outcomes	X	
Participating plans: Plans in Program	Aetna Better Health of Maryland; Amerigroup Community Care; CareFirst BCBS Community Health Plan Maryland; Jai Medical Systems; Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic States; Maryland Physicians Care; MedStar Family Choice; Priority Partners; UnitedHealthcare of the Mid-Atlantic	Hopkins ElderPlus
Notes: Program notes	The nursing facility services provided by HealthChoice is only for the first 90 days in the facility. Individuals requiring services beyond 90 days are then disenrolled into the fee-for-service program.	