

Commonwealth Medicaid Agency

Office of the Governor
Citizen Centric Report FY 2024



OUR Agency

The CNMI Medicaid Program is a Federal-State program, administered by the State and funded by both Federal and State's revenues. The program was implemented in 1979 and was created as Title XIX of the Social Security Act in 1965. The Federal government regulates and monitors funding, eligibility standards, quality, and the scope of medical services. In 1989, the CNMI was granted a waiver making eligibility based only on income and resources, creating the Medical Assistance for the Needy Program (MAN). In 2020, Public Law (PL) 21-28 established the Commonwealth Medicaid Agency (CMA) as a separate agency under the Office of the Governor. PL 21-28 calls for the CMA to implement Medicaid Enterprise Systems (MES) modules, including a Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS), medical claims and clinical data warehouse for Medicaid needs and a community health record system to provide patients with access to their health information. The law also states that CMA must establish a Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) and submit data to the Transformed Medicaid Statistical Information System (T-MSIS).

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Eligibility & Enrollment



HIGHLIGHTS

- Completion of FY 2021 financial audit
- CHIP Continuous Eligibility
- Hiring of one Compliance Technician, one Claims Examiner, two Data Coordinators, and one Policy and Procedures Coordinator
- Successful collaboration with WIOA- hiring of two Eligibility & Enrollment Staff

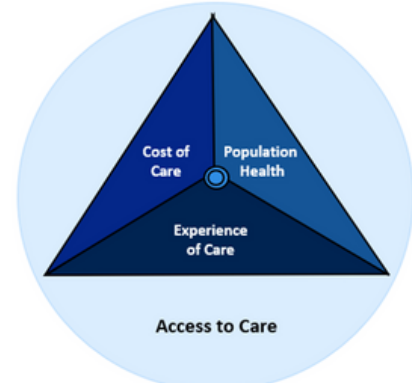
OUR Mission

Reaching across the CNMI to provide comprehensive, quality health care services for those in need. The CMA's mission is to implement systems and services to address the Triple Aim +1 efforts for the Medicaid population.

OUR Vision

All residents in the CNMI have the access and support to quality services they need to be actively engaged in their health and to thrive.

Triple Aim + 1



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OUR Activities

Eligibility & Enrollment

18,377
Covered
BENEFICIARIES

Click on our links below for more information!

[What is Covered under Medicaid?](#)

[Eligibility and Required documents for Medicaid](#)

[Medicaid Application Forms](#)

CHIP Continuous Eligibility (CE)

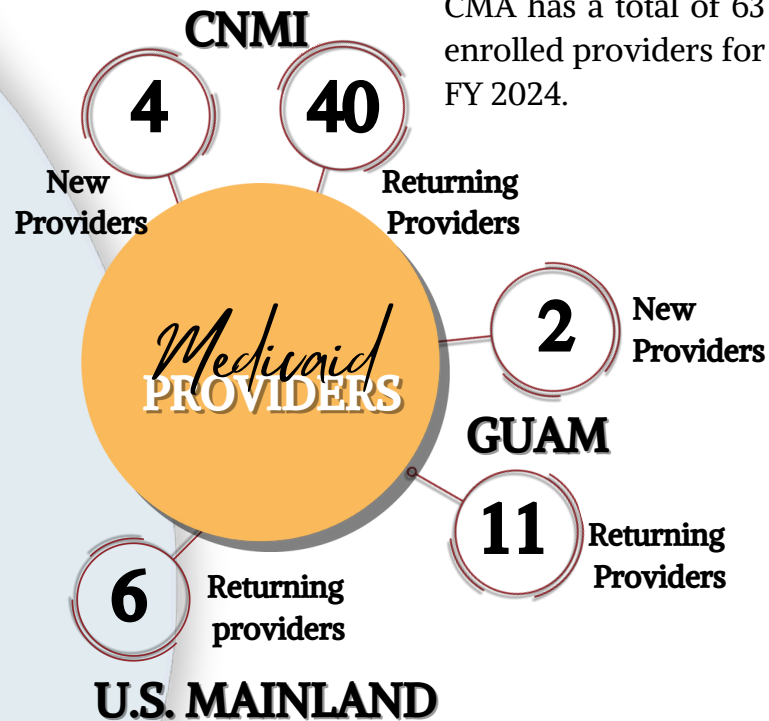
U.S. Public Law (PL) 117-328, Section 5112 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2023 (CAA), amended titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to require that the states and the U.S. territories provide 12 months of Continuous Eligibility (CE) for children under the age of 19 regardless of changes in circumstances with certain exceptions.

The CNMI submitted State Plan Amendment (SPA) 24-0002 to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to implement the requirements of PL 117-328, Section 5112. SPA 24-0002 was approved on May 1, 2024, with an effective date of January 1, 2024.

More information of SPA 24-0002 can be found at: <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/spa/downloads/MP-24-0002.pdf>

Provider Enrollment

CMA has a total of 63 enrolled providers for FY 2024.



Medicaid Enterprise Systems (MES)

Eligibility & Enrollment (E&E)

- Test and evaluate environment of Alabama Centralized Alabama Recipient Eligibility System (CARES) E&E system
- Test and evaluate solutions for current content management needs

Decision Support System/ Data Warehouse (DSS/DW)

- Conduct assessment of draft SOPs and workflows for use of standardized data and program improvements
- DSS/DW Data Management and Analytics Software Installation
- Procure Commercial Off-the-shelf (COTS) software for data collection
- Update the original design of the DSS/DW environment

Health Information Exchange (HIE)

- Finalized HIE/PHR/CHR RFP
- Completed Medicaid provider readiness assessment report
- CMS completed review of HIE/PHR/CHR RFP
- Latency testing for Alabama HIE partnership exploration

Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS)

- Evaluation of Wyoming and Guam MES modules
- Outreach and evaluation of MES Module reuse (Maine, Connecticut, and Montana)

Would you like to be a CNMI Medicaid provider?
Follow these links! →

[What services do we cover?](#)
[Provider Requirements and Application](#)

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OUR Finances

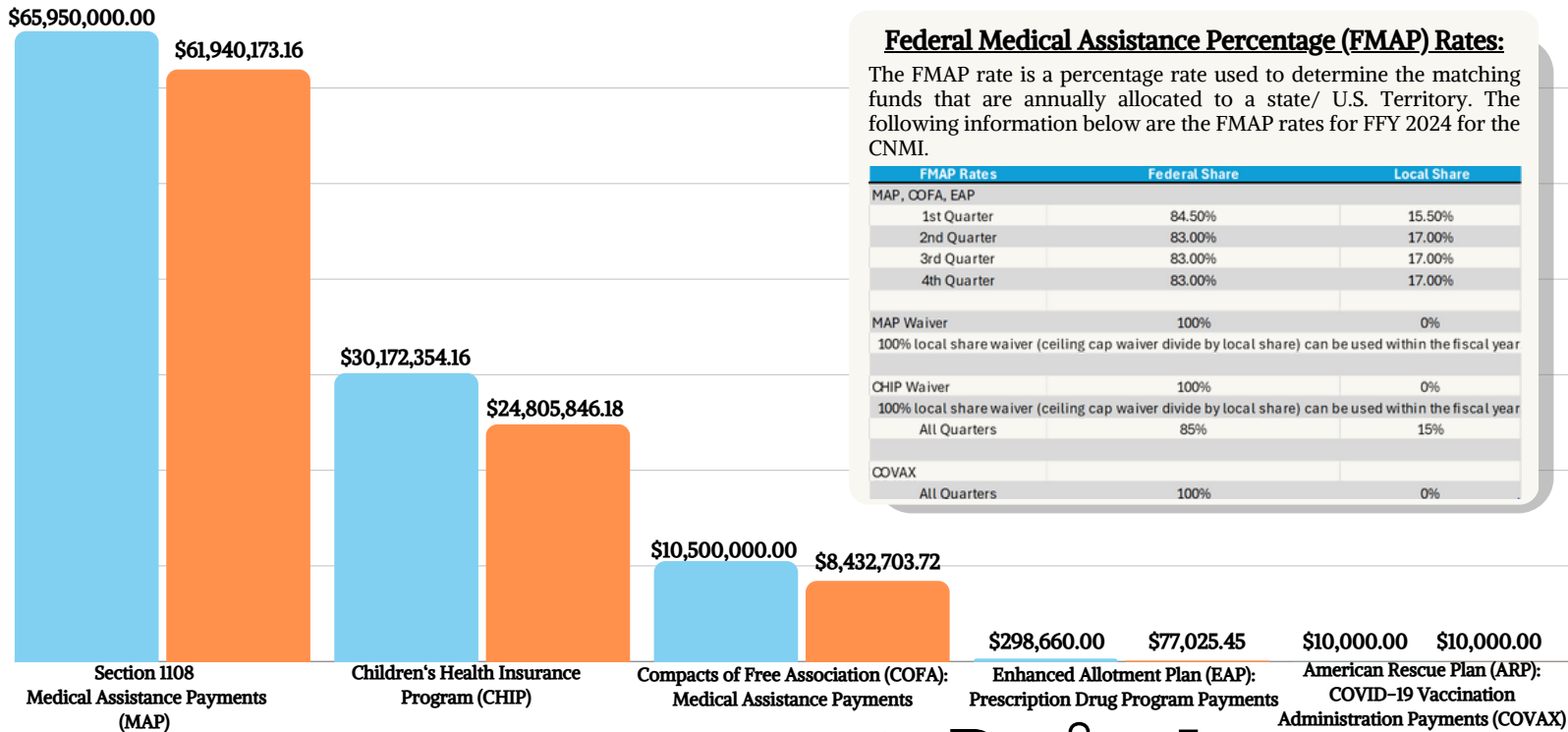
Administrative Expenses

FFY 2024	APPROVED BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES ¹
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES	\$580,000.00	\$344,140.67

¹Actual Expenditures as of 9/30/2024, subject to final reconciliation.

Provider Reimbursement

APPROVED BUDGET ACTUAL EXPENDITURE



Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Rates:

The FMAP rate is a percentage rate used to determine the matching funds that are annually allocated to a state/ U.S. Territory. The following information below are the FMAP rates for FFY 2024 for the CNMI.

FMAP Rates	Federal Share	Local Share
MAP, COFA, EAP		
1st Quarter	84.50%	15.50%
2nd Quarter	83.00%	17.00%
3rd Quarter	83.00%	17.00%
4th Quarter	83.00%	17.00%
MAP Waiver	100%	0%
100% local share waiver (ceiling cap waiver divide by local share) can be used within the fiscal year		
CHIP Waiver	100%	0%
100% local share waiver (ceiling cap waiver divide by local share) can be used within the fiscal year		
All Quarters	85%	15%
COVAX		
All Quarters	100%	0%

MEDICAID ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS Project Grants

FFY 2024	APPROVED BUDGET ²	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES
MEDICAID MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (MMIS)	\$1,664,494.00	\$1,303,568.41
ELIGIBILITY & ENROLLMENT (E&E)	\$448,483.00	\$307,137.04

²The Approved Budget is subject to FMAP rate. The FMAP rate is 90% Federal Share, 10% Local Share for the MES program.

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OUR *Future Outlook*

- Hiring of a Medicaid Director.
- Hiring and training of personnel.
- Establishment of a CMA Program Integrity (PI) Unit, onboarding of a PI Manager and utilization review staff.
- Establishment of a Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) under the CNMI Attorney General Office in support of program integrity efforts.
- Additional funds of \$27.1 million awarded to CMA to address FY 2023 and FY 2024 financial shortfall.
- Implementation of Medicaid coverage for incarcerated youth
- Continuous engagement with other agencies, stakeholders, to strengthen Medicaid's role in the community.
- Continuous engagement with the State of Alabama for the "reuse" of their state E&E system.
- Continuous planning and implementing of MES Advanced Planning Documents (APDs).
- Preparation for the Joint Territory Summit.
- Update Strategic Plan.

ENHANCING *Capabilities*

CONFERENCES/TRAININGS

- **System Technical Advisory Group (S-TAG) Meetings**
- **Virtual**
 - S-TAG is a monthly meeting with State Medicaid agencies and CMS to exchange information on how federal policy on Medicaid-funded information technology impacts states.
- **National Association of Medicaid Directors Meeting**
- **Scottsdale, Arizona (June 2024)**
 - These conferences are held to assist Medicaid Agencies develop, enhance, and bridge possible gaps in the states' strategies when implementing new federal requirements.
- **Medicaid Integrity Institute (MII) Training** -
Columbia, South Carolina (June 2024)
 - The MII trainings are made to meet ongoing needs of the state Medicaid employees who are responsible for protecting the integrity of the Medicaid program at no cost for the state. These trainings cover various areas such as coding, audit, fraud schemes and trends, and so much more.

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