



MI Health Link Will Mean for You

An Introduction

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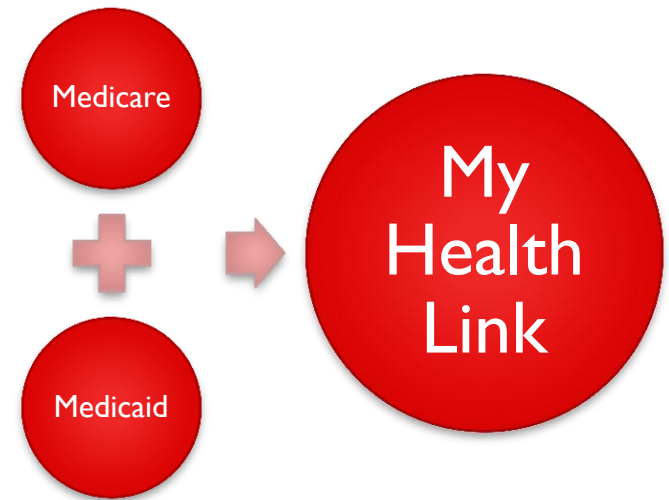
Michigan Medicare & Medicaid

- **Roughly 240,000 Michiganders have both Medicare and Medicaid.**
- **60% are over the age of 65**
- **40% are under the age of 65**
- **People who have both Medicaid and Medicare tend to have greater health and long term support services needs.**



What is MI Health Link?

MI Health Link is supposed to combine Medicare and Medicaid into a single health care system for people who are on both programs.



MI Health Link

Will start in

- **Eight Counties in Southwest Michigan (Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Van Buren Counties) and**
- **All of the Upper Peninsula**

Then 3 to 4 months later, it will start in

- **Wayne County**
- **Macomb County**



MI Health Link

- **Your Doctors, Specialists, Hospitals, Equipment, and Medications**
- **Long Term Supports and Services – nursing homes and home care.**

MI Health Link

- **If you have both Medicare and Medicaid, you can sign-up and pick a MI Health Link plan. If you don't sign up, you will be assigned a MI Health Link plan.**
- **You can “opt-out” or change plans monthly.**
- **Some people will not be able to sign up at all if they:**
 - **are on Medicaid income spend-down (“deductible”),**
 - **or don't have both Medicare and Medicaid**

MI Health Link

- **Some people can choose to sign-up but won't be assigned unless they want to join the program. This includes people who**
 - **Are in MI Choice Home and Community Based Waiver**
 - **Are in PACE**
 - **Have insurance through a retiree health plan**
 - **Native Americans**

MI Health Link Plans in Southwest Michigan



Meridian
ADVANTAGE PLAN (HMO SNP)



COVENTRYCARES™
advantage
MEDICARE / MEDICAID PLAN

Integrated Care Organizations Will Cover and Provide Services

Integrated Care Organizations (“ICOs” or health plans) will arrange for the following health care services:

- **Primary Care like regular doctors visits and follow up appointments**
- **Hospital Care**
- **Long Term Supports and Services**
- **Dental care, vision care, and Medications**

Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs) will provide:

- **Mental Health Services**
- **Substance use services and**
- **Supports and services for people with developmental disabilities**

How Do I Pick a Plan?

May want a trusted person to help you.



Will need to figure out which plans your doctors, specialists, druggists, hospitals, equipment suppliers are working with.

If you currently have Long Term Supports and Services, MI Choice, Home Help services.



Opportunities with MI Health Link

- **No co-pays or deductibles**
- **A care coordinator who may help cut through bureaucracy, overcome barriers, and resolve problems**
- **Person-centered services starting with what the person wants**
- **May have improved access to some services (home care, equipment)**
- **May have more opportunities to shape health care delivery**



An MI Health Link Project

...introducing...

***Michigan Voices for Better Health
... a project to ensure strong and
meaningful real persons' voices and
presence in MI Health Link***

What Can You Do?

- **Everyone has a story and experiences with health care, supports, and services. and These stories have *power* if they are shared!**
- **Real experiences need to be shared. We want to find ways for you to feel comfortable giving input and feedback.**
 - You can:**
 - **Serve on an advisory committee**
 - **Tell us your story about what is working well with your healthcare services and what is not**

Thank you & Questions?

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