Medicaid, Health Choice and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)

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Medicaid

Medicaid (MA) (also called Medical Assistance) is a program that pays the medical bills of people who have low income and cannot afford medical care.

HealthChoice

HealthChoice is the name of the Maryland's statewide mandatory managed care program. The HealthChoice Program provides health care to most Medicaid participants. Eligible Medicaid participants enroll in a Managed Care Organization (MCO) of their choice and select a primary care provider (PCP) to oversee their medical care.

What is a Managed Care Organization (MCO)?

Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) are health care organizations that provide services to Medicaid recipients in Maryland. These organizations contract with a network of providers to provide covered services to their enrollees. MCOs are responsible to provide or arrange for the full range of health care services. There are currently 8 MCOs participating in HealthChoice:

- AMERIGROUP Community Care
- Jai Medical Systems
- Kaiser Permanente
- Maryland Physicians Care
- MedStar Family Choice
- Priority Partners
- University of Maryland Health Partners (formerly Riverside Health of Maryland)
- UnitedHealthcare