Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee Meeting
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COVID-19 and Tax Time Special Enrollment Periods Update

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Background

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, Maryland decided to create a new, special enrollment period so individuals and families who were uninsured and especially concerned about coronavirus health care costs could obtain coverage. This SEP is especially significant for individuals who were unemployed or working in jobs without employer sponsored coverage because loss of employer coverage does not trigger an SEP for them.

MHBE has also partially implemented HB 814/SB 802, the Maryland Easy Enrollment Health Program (MEEHP or Tax Time SEP) this year, which collects data shared by state tax filers from the Comptrollers office to connect the uninsured with coverage.

Each SEP was available through July 15, though the lag time in tax filing dates means the tax SEP will be in process for several more weeks.

COVID SEP Enrollment Data

As of July 15

- 54,028 enrollments with COVID SEP (20,000 more since May)
- 35,159 in Medicaid, 13,392 in aQHP, 5,477 in uQHP
- 45% of Medicaid enrollments in the adult (A02/03/04) coverage group – 15,829
- Highest raw number of enrollments in Baltimore region (City and County combined) followed by Montgomery and Prince George's Counties
- Lowest raw number from Kent County (high Medicare pop)

Age Distribution of Medicaid Enrollments through COVID SEP

< 18	18-25	26-34	35-44	45-54	55-64
10,363	4,854	7,312	4,295	4,150	3,500

Tax Time SEP Enrollment Data

As of July 20 (lag in data, processing will take several more weeks)

- 3,776 enrollments with Tax Time SEP
- 2,830 in Medicaid, 812 in aQHP, 134 in uQHP
- 1,232 of Medicaid enrollments in the adult (A02/03/04) group
- All but 750 of Medicaid enrollees self-identified with ethnicity other than white

Age Distribution of Medicaid Enrollments through Tax Time SEP

< 18	18-25	26-34	35-44	45-54	55-64
1001	500	631	312	185	192

Additional Resources

Monthly Data Reports can be found on the MHBE stakeholder website here:

https://www.marylandhbe.com/news-and-resources/reportsdata/

Monthly data reports are released shortly after the end of each month and include:

- Number of applications by status
- Number of enrollments in QHPs
- % of Medicaid auto-redets,
- #MCO selections and #PCP selections
- Enrollment by consumer assistance type
- Use of mobile app
- (And much more!)

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