# Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)



# Managed Care Organization (MCO)

# Report: SFY 2021, Quarter 2

(October - December 2020)

# **Performance Data**

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This report is based on requirements of **2016 lowa Acts Section 1139**. The legislature grouped these reports into three main categories: Consumer Protection, Outcome Achievement, and Program Integrity.

The Department grouped the managed care reported data in this publication as closely as possible to **House File 2460** categories but has made some alterations to ease content flow and data comparison. This publication content flows as follows:

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## **Executive Summary**

This report is based on Quarter 2 of State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021 and includes the information for the Iowa Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs): Amerigroup (AGP) and Iowa Total Care (ITC)

#### Notes about the reported data:

• This quarterly report is focused on key descriptors and measures that provide information about the managed care implementation and operations.

• The reports are largely based on managed care claims data. Because of this, the data will not be complete until a full 180 days has passed since the period reported. However, based on our knowledge of claims data this accounts for less than 15% of the total claim volume for that reporting period.

• Data pulled on other dates may not reflect the same numbers due to reinstatements and eligibility changes.

• All encounter data is provided "as is". The IME takes measures to attempt to ensure the accuracy, completeness, and reliability of the data. However, users accept the quality of the data they receive and acknowledge that there may be errors, omissions, or inaccuracies in the data provided. Further, the IME is not responsible for the user's interpretation, misinterpretation, use or misuse of the data. The IME does not warrant that the data meets the user's needs or expectations.

• The Medical Loss Ratio information is reflected as directly reported by the MCOs.

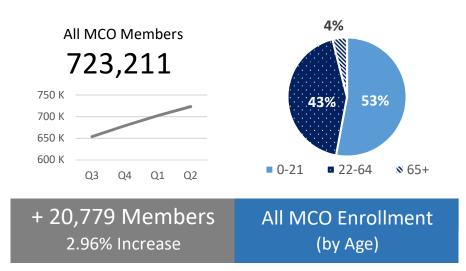
• The Department validates the data by looking at available fee-for-service historical baselines, encounter data, and by reviewing the source data provided by the MCOs.

• Providers and members can find more information on the IA Health Link program at: http://dhs.iowa.gov/iahealthlink

## MCO Member Summary - All MCO Counts

Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) offer health insurance benefits for those adults and families that qualify for the IA Health Link (Medicaid) and the Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (Hawki) programs.

In Iowa, almost 95% of the Medicaid population is covered by an MCO. Populations not covered by MCOs are provided coverage through the state's Fee-For-Service (FFS) program.



**Data Notes**: December 2020 enrollment data as of February 9, 2020. The "Average" column below represents a four-quarter rolling average while the "Distinct" column represents the total number of unique individuals appearing within populations at least once during the past four-quarters.

0-21	653,929 353,122	679,048 366,686	702,432 375,723	<b>723,211</b> 383,041	689,655 369,643	<b>727,293</b> 384,577
22-64	274,650	285,200	298,168	311,554	292,393	312,711
65+	26,157	27,162	28,541	28,616	27,619	30,005
Fee-For-Service (FFS) - Non MCO Enrollees	38,172	38,979	40,370	41,375	39,724	42,911
Significant Change in Data? (+/-) If Yes, explain:	No	Yes	X		ledicaid Population	770,204

Amerigroup An Anthem Company	SFY21 Q1	SFY21 Q2	💙 iowa total care.
All Members	412,180	423,312	All Members
MCO Member Market Share Disenrolled	58.7% 0	58.5% 0	MCO Member Market Share Disenrolled
Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (Hawki) including M-CHIP (Expansion)	49,052	50,059	Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (Hawki) including M-CHIP (Expansion)
Long-Term Service & Support (LTSS)	23,418	22,802	Long-Term Service & Support (LTSS)
HCBS Waivers	68.0%	68.9%	HCBS Waivers
Facility Based Services	32.0%	31.1%	Facility Based Services
HCBS Waivers <sup>3</sup> - Reference p. 21-22 for HCBS waiver and service plan enrollment	15,918	15,705	HCBS Waivers <sup>3</sup> - Reference p. 21-22 for HCBS waiver and service plan enrollment
Facility Based Services <sup>4</sup>	7,500	7,097	Facility Based Services <sup>4</sup>
ICF/ID <sup>5</sup>	1,041	1,028	ICF/ID <sup>5</sup>
Mental Health Institute (MHI)	23	34	Mental Health Institute (MHI)
Nursing Facilities (NF)	6,278	5,875	Nursing Facilities (NF)
Nursing Facilities for Mentally III	69	71	Nursing Facilities for Mentally III
Skilled	89	89	Skilled

<sup>3</sup> Home- and Community-Based Service (HCBS) totals listed above exclude Habilitation (Hab) enrollment; however, member participation in Hab services is captured on pages 23-24.

<sup>4</sup> Facility Based Services listed above only include the institutional groups where members are most likely to have an option to transition to an HCBS setting. Excluded institution types include Hospice and Psychiatric Medical Institutions for Children (PMICs).

<sup>5</sup> Intermediate Care Facilities for the Intellectually Disabled (ICF/ID)

SFY21 Q1

290,252

41.3%

24,897

15,294

61.3%

38.7%

9,811

5,483

4,750

612

12

32

77

0

SFY21 Q2

299,899

24,980

14,934

65.3%

34.7%

9,746

5,188

4,460

609

18

29

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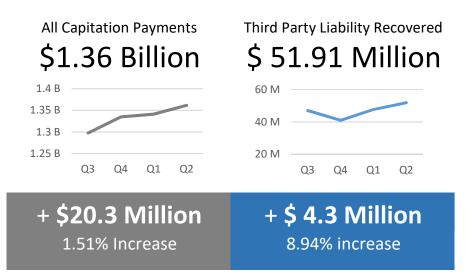
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## MCO Financial Summary - All MCO Counts

The MCOs receive capitation payments from the State for members' medical services. Capitation payments are made whether or not a provider files a claims with the MCO for services provided to a member.

The MCOs are responsible for recovering Medicaid dollars when it is determined that other insurance coverage is available (e.g. health, auto, worker's comp, or even Medicare). This process is known as Third Party Liability (TPL). The MCO retains all recovered TPL funds: however, these funds are then used to develop future capitation rates.



**Data Notes**: December 2020 capitation data as of February 5, 2020. All Third Party Liability (TPL) data reported above is self-reported by MCOs. The "Average" column below represents a four-quarter rolling average while the "Total" column represents the sum of the past four-quarters.

Capitation Payments	\$1.3 B	\$1.33 B	\$1.34 B	\$1.36 B	\$1.33 B	\$5.34 B
Third Party Liability (TPL) Recovered	\$46.41 M	\$41.63 M	\$47.65 M	\$51.91 M	\$46.90 M	\$187.60 M
If Yes, explain:						

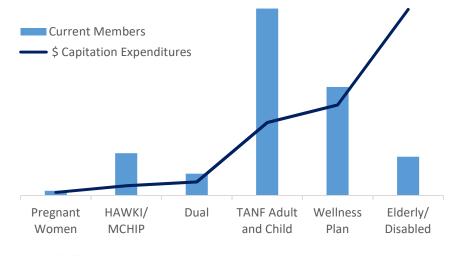
o In Q3 SFY2020, the Department withheld \$44M from ITC due to internal claims payments issues. As of the end of Q2 SFY21, this amount has still not been released.

## **MCO Financial Summary**

Per member Medicaid capitation is determined by program eligibility. Medicaid capitation expenditures vary based on member eligibility group size and per member capitation rate. In Iowa, over 50% of all capitation expenditures are allocated to supporting the elderly/ disabled eligibility group.

Medical loss ratios (MLR) capture how much money is spent on medical claims and quality measures versus administrative expenses and profits. By contract, MCOs are required to spend a certain percentage of their capitation payments on claims annually or risk having to return the difference.

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Capitation Totals	\$802.56 M	\$811.95 M
Adjustments	-\$2.2 M	-\$2.3 M
Current	\$783.29 M	\$793.35 M
Retro	\$21.48 M	\$20.9 M
Third Party Liability (TPL) Recovered	\$23.26 M	\$22.40 M
Financial Ratios		
Medical Loss Ratio (MLR)	86.2%	88.8%
Administrative Loss Ratio (ALR)	6.7%	6.3%
Underwriting Ratio (UR)	7.1%	5.8%
Α	nnual MLR <sup>6</sup>	87.1%
Reported Reserves		
Acceptable Quarterly Reserves per	Y	Y
Iowa Insurance Division (IID)		



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Capitation Totals	\$538.8 M	\$549.7 M
Adjustments	-\$2.04 M	-\$1.34 M
Current	\$520.41 M	\$531.3 M
Retro	\$20.44 M	\$19.74 M
Third Party Liability (TPL) Recovered	\$24.40 M	\$29.52 M
Financial Ratios		
Medical Loss Ratio (MLR)	94.8%	88.8%
Administrative Loss Ratio (ALR)	5.1%	5.5%
Underwriting Ratio (UR)	0.1%	5.7%
	Annual MLR <sup>6</sup>	91.7%
Reported Reserves		
Acceptable Quarterly Reserves per	Y	Y
lowa Insurance Division (IID)		

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SFY21 Q2

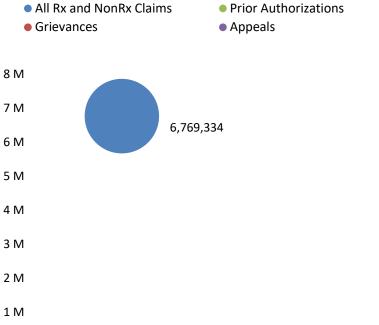
<sup>6</sup> Annual MLR converts IID reported data on a calendar year basis into an average that follows state fiscal year. All amounts listed are unaudited. MCOs are required to submit data as prescribed within 30 days following the six (6) month claims run-out period for final determination of SFY MLR.

## MCO Claims Universe - All MCO Counts

This illustration provides context to the volume of the following actions in comparison to the overall claims universe:

- Some benefits may require **Prior Authorization** before service
- Members may elect to file a **Grievance** to express general plan dissatisfaction
- Members or Providers may **Appeal** a filed claim based on a reduction in benefits or an outright rejection

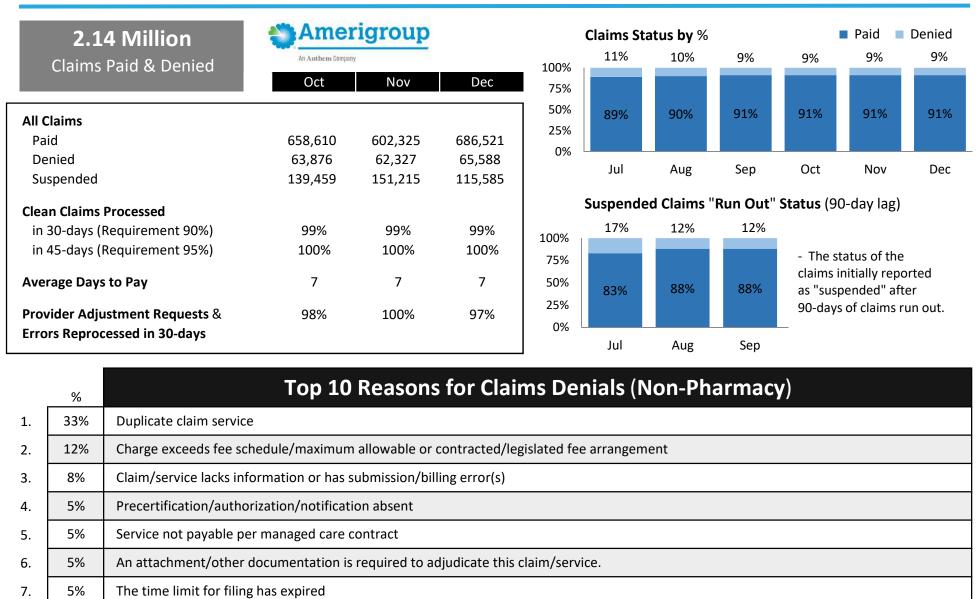
	% of Claims Universe	2
Prior Authorizations	2.60%	1
Grievances	0.01%	-
Appeals	0.01%	



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	SFY20 Q3	SFY20 Q4	SFY21 Q1	SFY21 Q2	Average	Total
Claim Counts - All Paid & Denied (p. 9-12)	7.79 M	5.95 M	7.02 M	6.77 M	6.88 M	27.54 M
Non-Pharmacy	4.62 M	3.17 M	4.02 M	3.96 M	3.94 M	15.77 M
Pharmacy	3.17 M	2.79 M	3.00 M	2.81 M	2.94 M	11.77 M
Prior Authorization Summary (p. 13-14)	178,919	145,452	172,937	176,060	168,342	673,368
Non-Pharmacy - All PAs Submitted	137,044	115,665	133,417	133,643	129,942	519,769
Pharmacy - All PAs Submitted	41,875	29,787	39,520	42,417	38,400	153,599
Grievances & Appeals Summary (p. 15-16)						
Grievances	936	422	718	629	676	2,705
Appeals	612	577	613	592	599	2,394

## **Claims Summary (Non-Pharmacy)**



Expenses incurred after coverage terminated

The impact of prior payer(s) adjudication including payments and/or adjustments.

Claim/Service denied. At least one Remark Code must be provided

3%

3%

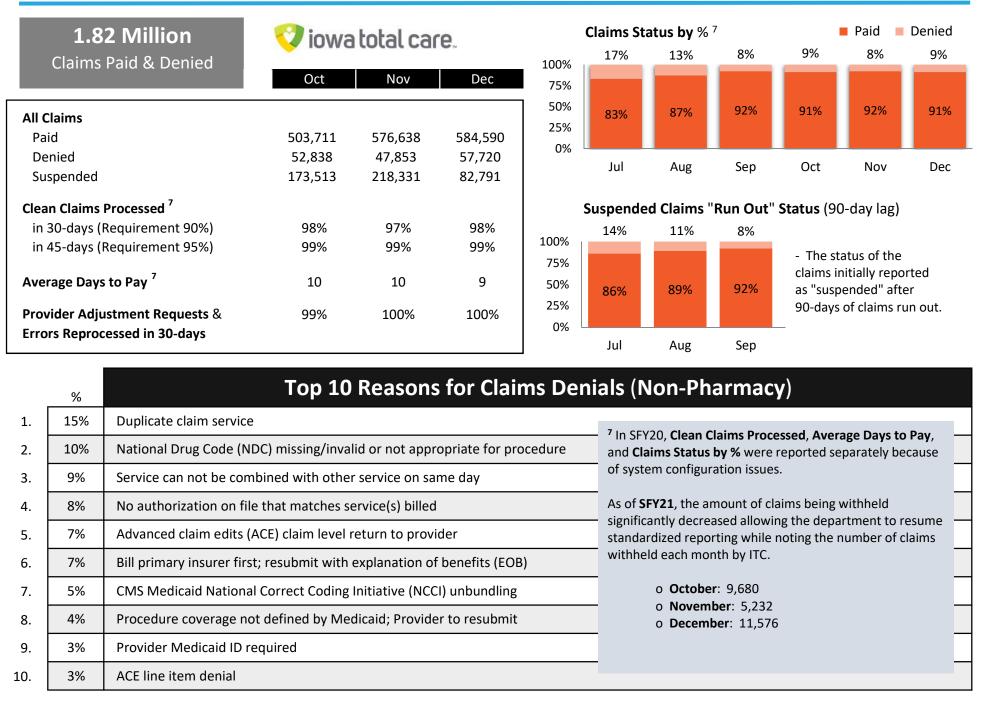
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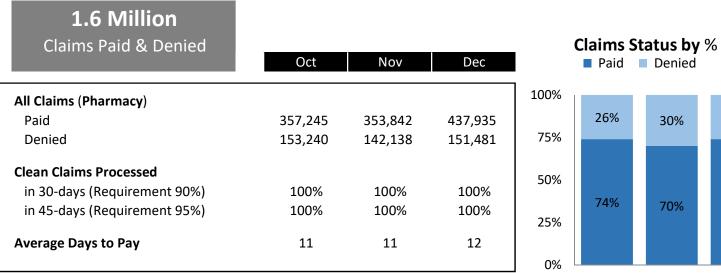
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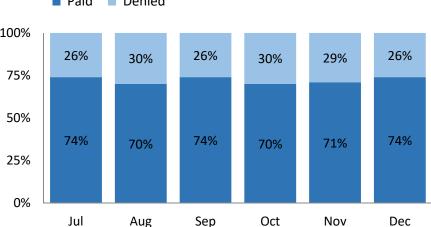
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## **Claims Summary (Non-Pharmacy)**



## **Claims Summary (Pharmacy)**



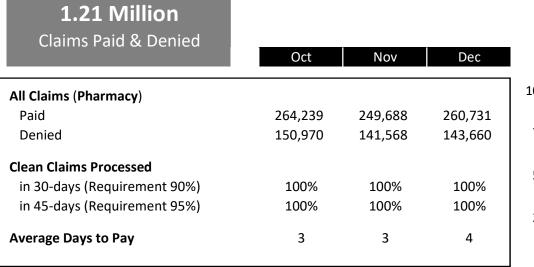


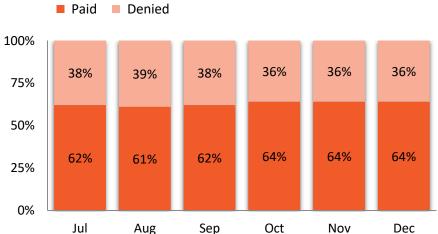
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	%	Top 10 Reasons for Claims Denials (Pharmacy)
1.	45%	Refill too soon
2.	15%	Prior authorization required
3.	14%	Submit bill to other processor or primary payer
4.	9%	National Drug Code (NDC) not covered
5.	5%	Plan limitations exceeded
6.	3%	M/I other payer reject code
7.	2%	Filled after coverage terminated
8.	2%	Non matched prescriber ID
9.	1%	Pharmacy not enrolled in State Medicaid program
10.	1%	Discrepancy between other coverage code and other coverage information on file

## **Claims Summary (Pharmacy)**





	%	Top 10 Reasons for Claims Denials (Pharmacy)
1.	31%	Refill too soon
2.	10%	Prior authorization required
3.	4%	Quantity dispensed exceeds maximum allowed
4.	3%	Claim not processed
5.	3%	Product not on formulary
6.	3%	Submit bill to other processor or primary payer
7.	2%	Drug Utilization Review (DUR) reject error
8.	2%	Drug not covered for patient age
9.	2%	Filled after coverage expired
10.	2%	National Drug Code (NDC) not covered

# Claims Status by %

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## **Prior Authorization Summary**

81,521

All PAs Submitted<sup>8</sup>

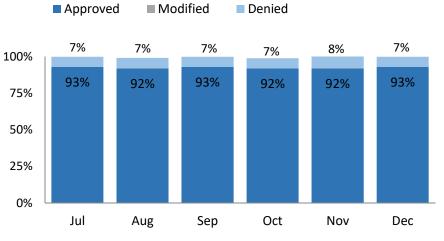
Non-Pharmacy	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Standard Prior Authorizations (PAs)				]
Approved	18,750	16,279	17,911	:
Denied	1,481	1,324	1,273	
Modified	47	34	48	
Average Days to Process	5	4	4	
Standard PAs Completed	100%	100%	100%	
in 14-days (Requirement 99%)				
Expedited PAs Completed	100%	100%	100%	
in 72-hours (Requirement 99%)				

Pharmacy	Oct	Nov	Dec
Prior Authorizations			
Approved	6,921	5,940	5,490
Denied	2,354	1,773	1,873
<b>PAs Completed</b> in 24-hours (Requirement 100%)	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%

# Non-Pharmacy by Percentage

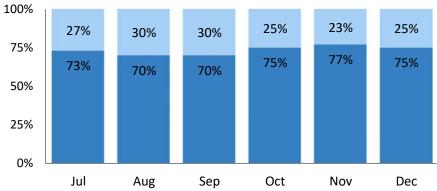
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#### **Pharmacy by Percentage**

Approved Denied



<sup>8</sup> Totals capture all standard non-pharmacy and pharmacy PA counts. In addition to approved, denied, or modified the submitted totals will also include PA's received, but not yet processed.

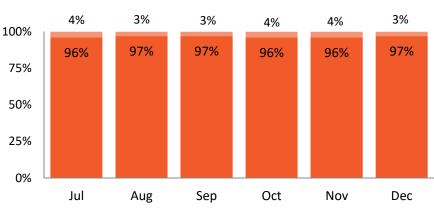
## **Prior Authorization Summary**

94,539

All PAs Submitted<sup>8</sup>

Non-Pharmacy	Oct	Nov	Dec
Standard Prior Authorizations (PAs)			
Approved	24,444	21,508	26,148
Denied	1,055	903	947
Modified	0	0	0
Average Days to Process	3	4	4
Standard PAs Completed in 14-days (Requirement 99%)	100%	100%	100%
<b>Expedited PAs Completed</b> in 72-hours (Requirement 99%)	100%	100%	100%

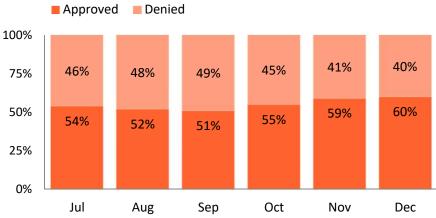
Non-Pharmacy by Percentage							
Approved	Modified	Denied					



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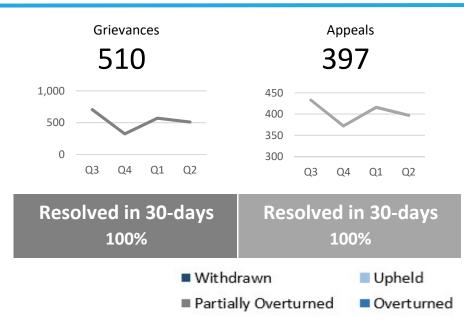
Pharmacy Oct Nov Dec **Prior Authorizations** 3,024 Approved 3,087 3,258 Denied 2,459 2,122 2,200 **PAs Completed** 100% 99.9% 99.9% in 24-hours (Requirement 100%)

#### Pharmacy by Percentage



<sup>8</sup> Totals capture all standard non-pharmacy and pharmacy PA counts. In addition to approved, denied, or modified the submitted totals will also include PA's received, but not yet processed.

## **Grievances and Appeals**

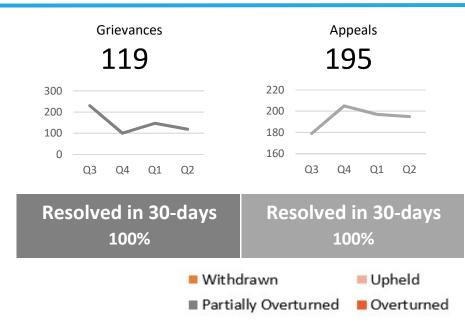


Appeal Outcome Percentages					Ar	neri	grou	p	
100%			3%		1%	An Anth	em Company 9%		17%
75%		48%		57%		55%			
50%			1%		1%			57%	
25%		48%		42%	170	34%	3%	26%	1%
0%	<u> </u>	Q3 SFY20	)	Q4 SFY20		Q1 SFY21		Q2 SFY22	1

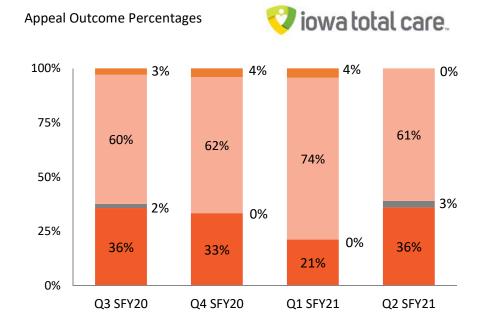
	%	Top 10 Reasons for Grievances
1.	39%	Voluntary Disenrollment
2.	18%	Provider balance billed
3.	7%	Adequacy of treatment record keeping
4.	6%	Transportation - Driver no-show
5.	4%	Availability of appointments
6.	4%	Transportation - Driver Delay
7.	4%	Treatment Dissatisfaction
8.	4%	Provider attitude/rudeness
9.	3%	Delay in Treatment
10.	3%	Inadequate benefit access

%	Top 10 Reasons for Appeals
20%	Pharmacy - Non Injectable
18%	Durable Medical Equipment (DME)
10%	Radiology
9%	Surgery
8%	Therapy - Physical Therapy
8%	Pharmacy - Injectable
4%	Inpatient Services - Medical
4%	Laboratory
3%	Behavioral Health (BH) - Op Service
3%	Behavioral Health (BH) - Inpatient

## **Grievances and Appeals**



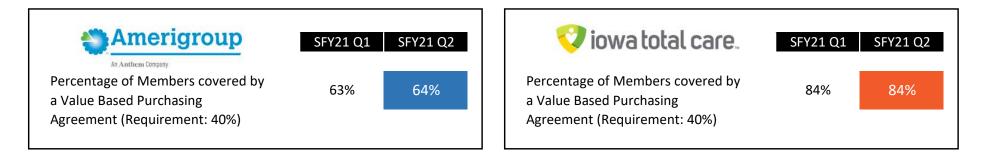
	%	Top 10 Reasons for Grievances
1.	27%	Access to Care - Network Availability
2.	17%	Unhappy with Benefits
3.	8%	Transportation - General Complaint Vendor
4.	5%	Transportation - Missed Appointment
5.	4%	Provider
6.	4%	Transportation - Late Appointment
7.	3%	Lack of Caring/Concern
8.	3%	Health Plan Staff
9.	3%	Claim Dispute
10.	2%	Transportation - Unsafe Driving



%	Top 10 Reasons for Appeals
39%	RX - Does Not Meet Prior AuthGuidelines
17%	Other - Mental Health Service
5%	Diagnostic - CAT Scan
3%	Diagnostic - MRI
3%	DME - Wheelchair
2%	DME - Other
2%	Injections - Epidural
2%	DME - Orthopedic Devices
2%	Outpatient - Home Health Visits
1%	DME - CPAP Machine

### Value Based Purchasing (VBP) Agreement

Value Based Purchasing (VBP) Agreement: An agreement that holds health care providers accountable for both the cost and quality of care they provide by providing payment to improved performance.



### Top 5 - Value Added Services (VAS)

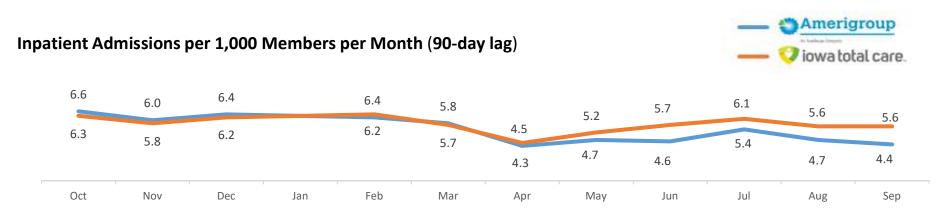
Value Added Services (VAS) are optional benefits provided by the MCOs outside of the standard Medicaid benefit package. MCOs use value added services as an incentive to attract members to their plan. A complete listing by each MCO can also be found here: https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/Comm504.pdf

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Community Resource Link	841 2,989
Taking Care of Baby and Me	2,095 2,482
Healthy Rewards <sup>9</sup>	1,678 1,408
Dental Hygiene Kit	683 711
SafeLink Mobile Phone	723 581

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My Health Pays Program	8,755	13,222
The Flu Program	2,689	3,427
Start Smart for Your Baby	1,558	1,215
Mobile App	544	989
myStrength.com	28	428

<sup>9</sup> Amerigroup is reporting the total number of members who received an award in quarter (not the total enrolled in program).

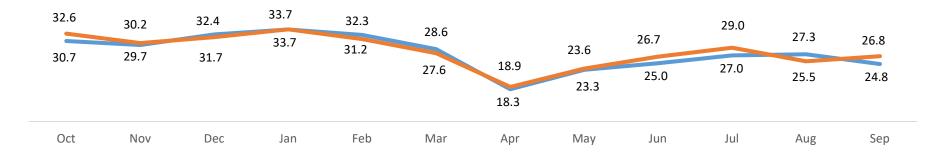
## **MCO Care Quality and Outcomes**



#### All Cause Readmissions within 30-days (90-day lag) 10

11.7%	11.1%	10.1%	9.4%	9.4%	10.2%	12.7%	11.3%	11.5%	13.6%	12.5%	12.1%
									11.3%	11.8%	11.8%
Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep

#### Adult Non-Emergent Use Per 1,000 ED Visits (90-day lag)<sup>11</sup>



<sup>10</sup> This measure requires 12 months of continuous enrollment with the MCO. Q2 SFY2021 is the first quarter that ITC is reporting data.

<sup>11</sup> Effective January 1, 2020, the list of emergent diagnosis codes used to determine this measure was updated.

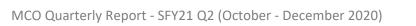
## **MCO Children Summary**

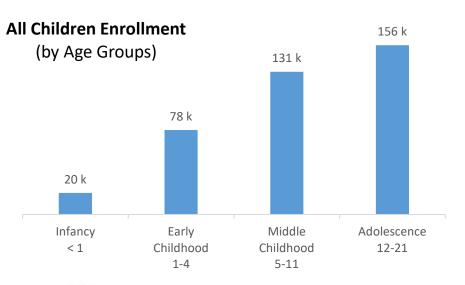
Medicaid-eligible children either qualify for Traditional Medicaid or the Federal Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). In Iowa, CHIP is offered through the Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (Hawki) program. Which eligibility group children qualify for is based on household income status and other factors.

Children (ages 0-21) make up over half of the enrolled MCO population. Of this population, 80% of children are Traditional Medicaid eligible. 20% of MCO enrolled children are Hawki eligible.

**Data Note**: MCO Enrollment, Well Child Exams, Screenings, and Immunizations are compared using the same quarter 1-year apart.

An Anthem Company	SFY20 Q2	SFY21 Q2
Member Enrollment	225,398	231,588
Infancy < 1	13,684	10,159
Early Childhood 1 - 4	46,178	47,354
Middle Childhood 5 - 11	78,030	79,742
Adolescence 12 - 21	87,506	94,333
Well Child Exams (Preventive Visits)	46,157	43,306
Infancy < 1	15,136	11,524
Early Childhood 1 - 4	13,674	12,993
Middle Childhood 5 - 11	9,270	9,947
Adolescence 12 - 21	8,077	8,842
Lead Screenings	5,386	4,313
Infancy < 1	228	98
Early Childhood 1 - 4	4,777	3,853
Middle Childhood 5 - 11	343	323
Adolescence 12 - 21	38	39





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Member Enrollment	150,165	154,855
Infancy < 1	8,547	9,615
Early Childhood 1 - 4	30,611	30,738
Middle Childhood 5 - 11	52,051	52,334
Adolescence 12 - 21	58,956	62,168
Well Child Exams (Preventive Visits)	32,242	30,439
Infancy < 1	10,652	10,480
Early Childhood 1 - 4	9,048	7,949
Middle Childhood 5 - 11	6,801	6,423
Adolescence 12 - 21	5,741	5,587
Lead Screenings	3,921	2,961
Infancy < 1	136	69
Early Childhood 1 - 4	3,476	2,661
Middle Childhood 5 - 11	284	217
Adolescence 12 - 21	25	14

SFY20 Q2

SFY21 Q2

## **MCO Children Summary**

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SFY20 Q2	SFY21 Q2

Hearing Screenings	2,810	1,872
Infancy < 1	225	113
Early Childhood 1 - 4	1,236	830
Middle Childhood 5 - 11	1,009	654
Adolescence 12 - 21	340	275
Vision Screenings	974	901
Infancy < 1	65	10
Early Childhood 1 - 4	476	374
Middle Childhood 5 - 11	276	343
Adolescence 12 - 21	157	174

#### Immunization Summary - Vaccines for Children (VFC)

Vaccination Totals DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)	104,285 11,737	91,072 10,124
Influenza (FLU)	46,228	40,164
HepA (Hepatitis A)	5,353	4,956
HepB (Hepatitis B)	2,489	951
Haemophilus Influenza Type B (Hib)	6,169	5,238
Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	3,243	3,092
Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY)	2,614	3,103
Meningococcal B - (MenB)	1,423	1,430
MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	4,607	4,389
Pneumococcal (PCV13)	9,284	7,727
Pneumococcal (PPSV23)	104	72
Polio (IPV)	362	297
RV (Rotavirus)	5,968	4,874
Tetanus and diphtheria (Td)	68	43
TDAP (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis)	2,093	2,247
Varicella Virus Vaccine (VAR)	2,543	2,365



SFY20 Q2 SFY21 Q2

Hearing Screenings Infancy < 1 Early Childhood 1 - 4 Middle Childhood 5 - 11 Adolescence 12 - 21	1,452 97 614 502 239	1,072 83 420 391 178
Vision Screenings	660	669
Infancy < 1	23	19
Early Childhood 1 - 4	314	281
Middle Childhood 5 - 11	212	245
Adolescence 12 - 21	111	124

#### Immunization Summary - Vaccines for Children (VFC)

Vaccination Totals	70,828	62,721
DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)	8,076	7,639
Influenza (FLU)	29,211	24,481
HepA (Hepatitis A)	3,797	3,049
HepB (Hepatitis B)	4,895	4,576
Haemophilus Influenza Type B (Hib)	2,842	2,606
Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	2,467	2,066
Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY)	1,921	1,913
Meningococcal B - (MenB)	26	14
MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	3,021	2,909
Pneumococcal (PCV13)	6,539	6,110
Pneumococcal (PPSV23)	0	0
Polio (IPV)	342	216
RV (Rotavirus)	4,292	4,019
Tetanus and diphtheria (Td)	51	14
TDAP (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis)	1,653	1,431
Varicella Virus Vaccine (VAR)	1,695	1,678

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## Long Term Services - Care Quality and Outcomes

Non-LTSS Care Coordination	Amerigroup	
and HCBS Case Management		
Average Number of Contacts	SFY21 Q1	SFY21 Q2
Per Month		
by Care Coordinators	0.8	0.8
by Case Managers	1.2	1.2
"Members to" Ratios		
Members to Care Coordinators	16	24
HCBS Members to Case Managers	65	65

Waiver members re	porting	SFY21 Q1	SFY21 Q2
They were part of	I don't know	0.0%	0.0%
service planning.	No	0.0%	0.0%
	Sometimes	0.0%	0.0%
	Yes	100.0%	100.0%
They feel safe where	I don't know	0.0%	0.0%
they live.	No	0.3%	0.0%
	Sometimes	0.0%	0.6%
	Yes	99.7%	99.4%
Their services make	I don't know	0.0%	0.0%
their lives better.	No	0.3%	0.0%
	Sometimes	0.0%	0.0%
	Yes	99.7%	100.0%

Iowa Participant Experience Survey (IPES)

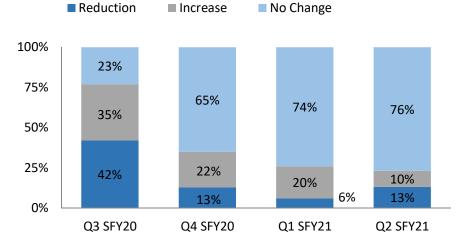
There are no current MCO contract standards for ratios of members to care coordinators or community based case managers. However, MCO contracts do state that members are to be visited in their residence face-to-face by their care coordinator at least quarterly with an interval of at least 60 days between visits.

### Percentage of Level of Care (LOC) **Reassessments Completed Timely**



#### **Waiver Service Plan Outcomes** Reduction

Increase



## Long Term Services - Care Quality and Outcomes

Non-LTSS Care Coordination and HCBS Case Management



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Per Month		
by Care Coordinators	0.8	0.8
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"Members to" Ratios		
Members to Care Coordinators	36	20
HCBS Members to Case Managers	38	41

Iowa Participant Experience Survey (IPES)

Waiver members re	porting	SFY21 Q1	SFY21 Q2
They were part of	I don't know	0.4%	0.4%
service planning.	No	5.2%	1.1%
	Sometimes	1.1%	1.9%
	Yes	93.3%	96.7%
They feel safe where	I don't know	0.8%	0.4%
they live.	No	2.3%	0.4%
	Sometimes	1.9%	1.5%
	Yes	95.1%	97.8%
Their services make	I don't know	1.1%	0.0%
their lives better.	No	1.9%	0.7%
	Sometimes	2.6%	2.6%
	Yes	94.4%	96.7%

SFY21 Q2 person or by telephone with an interval of at least 14 calendar days between contacts. All Level of Care (LOC) and functional need assessments must be updated annually or as a member's needs change

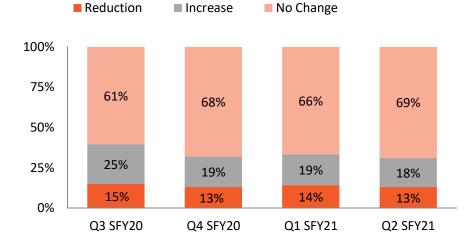




MCO contracts also state that community based case managers

shall contact HCBS waiver members either at least monthly in

#### Waiver Service Plan Outcomes



SFY21 Q1

SFY21 Q2

Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) programs are available for eligible members with disabilities or older Iowans that would otherwise require care in a medical institution. The following information captures the Top 5 services used by members with active waiver service plans.

#### **Top 5 Waiver Services**

- by Member Usage

AIDS/HIV - Unique Service Plans	19	19
Home Delivered Meals	16	16
CDAC (individual) by 15 minute units	0	3
Supported Community Living (daily)	1	1
CDAC (agency) by 15 minute units	1	1
Homemaker (by 15 minute units)	0	1
Brain Injury (BI) Waivers	831	821
Financial Management Services	236	239
Supported Community Living (by unit)	224	210
Respite (by 15 minute units)	174	170
Personal Emergency Response	162	163
Supported Community Living (daily)	107	107
Children's Mental Health (CMH)	879	876
Respite (by 15 minute units)	441	453
Family and Community Support	271	240
Respite (Hos/NF) - 15 minute units	245	232
Respite (Resident Camp) by units	18	14
Home Delivered Meals	8	8
Elderly Waivers	4,886	4,795
Home Delivered Meals	3,213	3,089
Personal Emergency Response	3,144	3,056
Assisted Living Services	437	412
CDAC (agency) by 15 minute units	319	349
Personal Emergency Response (install)	343	319

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Art Anthem Company	SFY21 Q1	SFY21 Q2
Habilitation (Hab)	4,786	4,696
Home-based Habilitation	3,816	3,991
Long Term Job Coaching	403	375
Day Habilitation (units by day)	213	319
Day Habilitation (by 15 minute units)	593	282
Individual Supported Employment	184	196
Health & Disability (HD)	1,394	1,359
Financial Management Services	374	361
Home Delivered Meals	364	356
Respite (by 15 minute units)	370	350
Personal Emergency Response	363	349
Respite (Hos/NF) - 15 minute units	67	67
Intellectual Disability (ID)	7,150	7,111
Supported Community Living (by unit)	1,886	1,848
Supported Community Living (daily)	1,965	1,586
Day Habilitation (units by day)	1,551	1,498
Financial Management Services	1,376	1,385
Supported Community Living (RCF)	966	1,107
Physical Disability (PD)	759	724
Personal Emergency Response	402	384
CDAC (agency) by 15 minute units	70	72
Personal Emergency Response (install)	75	63
Home-based Habilitation	60	52
Home Delivered Meals	55	51

SFY21 Q1

All eligible members receive service coordination and a customized individual service plan. For additional information on the HCBS waiver program including a full list of available services reference our dedicated webpage: http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/hcbs/waivers.

SFY21 Q2

#### **Top 5 Waiver Services**

- by Member Usage

AIDS/HIV - Unique Service Plans	13	11
Home Delivered Meals	7	7
CDAC (individual) by 15 minute units	6	5
Homemaker (by 15 minute units)	2	3
Supported Community Living (daily)	2	2
Day Habilitation (units by day)	1	1
Brain Injury (BI) Waivers	531	532
Supported Community Living (by unit)	233	234
Respite (by 15 minute units)	157	153
Personal Emergency Response	127	130
Supported Community Living (daily)	119	117
Transportation (1-way trip)	92	93
Children's Mental Health (CMH)	351	351
Respite (by 15 minute units)	173	192
Respite (Hos/NF) - 15 minute units	96	113
Family and Community Support	85	89
Mental Health Service	5	16
Respite (Resident Camp) by units	7	6
Elderly Waivers	3,336	3,310
Home Delivered Meals	2,548	2,610
Personal Emergency Response	2,451	2,526
CDAC (agency) by 15 minute units	1,285	1,330
Homemaker (by 15 minute units)	914	928
CDAC (individual) by 15 minute units	778	762



## SFY21 Q1

SFY21 Q2

Habilitation (Hab)	2,395	2,416
Home-based Habilitation	1,787	1,800
Day Habilitation (by 15 minute units)	370	350
Day Habilitation (units by day)	283	270
Long Term Job Coaching	225	240
Individual Supported Employment	145	153
Health & Disability (HD)	645	631
Respite (by 15 minute units)	297	292
Home Delivered Meals	203	190
Personal Emergency Response	180	176
CDAC (individual) by 15 minute units	130	130
CDAC (agency) by 15 minute units	111	109
Intellectual Disability (ID)	4,524	4,512
Supported Community Living (by unit)	1,949	1,939
Day Habilitation (by 15 minute units)	1,912	1,899
Day Habilitation (units by day)	1,778	1,769
Supported Community Living (RCF)	1,490	1,440
Respite (by 15 minute units)	1,075	1,079
Physical Disability (PD)	411	399
Personal Emergency Response	244	236
CDAC (agency) by 15 minute units	204	197
CDAC (individual) by 15 minute units	144	148
Transportation (1-way trip)	56	54
Personal Emergency Response (install)	40	28

	Oct	Nov	Dec
Member Helpline			
Service Level (Requirement 80%)	96.30%	96.77%	97.06%
Abandonment Rate - Must be 5% or less	1.08%	0.38%	0.50%
Member Pharmacy Helpline			
Service Level (Requirement 80%)	90.51%	92.20%	94.57%
Abandonment Rate - Must be 5% or less	0.07%	0.07%	0.00%
Provider Helpline			
Service Level (Requirement 80%)	90.98%	94.25%	91.36%
Abandonment Rate - Must be 5% or less	0.69%	0.19%	0.22%
Provider Pharmacy Helpline			
Service Level (Requirement 80%)	78.63%	90.80%	92.59%
Abandonment Rate - Must be 5% or less	3.25%	0.44%	0.80%
Non-Emergency Medical Transportation			
(NEMT) Helpline			
Service Level (Requirement 80%)	76.62%	81.23%	94.60%
Abandonment Rate - Must be 5% or less	1.77%	1.29%	0.90%



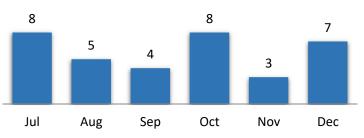
### Secret Shopper Scores

- Member Helpline



### Secret Shopper Scores

- Provider Helpline



Data Notes: Top 5 Call Reasons are captured during the last month of the reporting period.

	Top 5 Call Reasons (Member Helpline)	
1.	Benefit Inquiry	
2.	ID Card Request or Inquiry	
3.	Enrollment Information	
4.	Transportation Inquiry	
5.	Claim Inquiry	

Top 5 Call Reasons (Provider Helpline)
Authorization Status
Claim Status
Benefit Inquiry
Authorization New

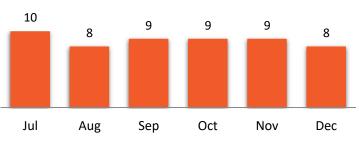
	Oct	Nov	Dec
Member Helpline			
Service Level (Requirement 80%)	81.00%	72.93%	80.91%
Abandonment Rate - Must be 5% or less	4.35%	4.54%	2.87%
Member Pharmacy Helpline			
Service Level (Requirement 80%)	89.70%	71.87%	90.18%
Abandonment Rate - Must be 5% or less	3.74%	4.92%	4.62%
Provider Helpline			
Service Level (Requirement 80%)	83.70%	79.11%	82.38%
Abandonment Rate - Must be 5% or less	2.75%	2.51%	2.95%
Provider Pharmacy Helpline			
Service Level (Requirement 80%)	92.41%	91.43%	92.33%
Abandonment Rate - Must be 5% or less	0.43%	0.22%	0.13%
Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Helpline			
Service Level (Requirement 80%)	70.29%	77.73%	94.03%
Abandonment Rate - Must be 5% or less	2.01%	1.45%	1.20%





### Secret Shopper Scores

- Provider Helpline



Data Notes: Top 5 Call Reasons are captured during the last month of the reporting period.

Top 5 Call Reasons (Member Helpline)	Top 5 Call Reasons (Provider Helpline)
Benefits and Eligibility for Member	Medical Claims Inquiry for Provider
Update PCP/PPG for Member	Coordination Of Benefits for Provider
Member Rewards for Member	Benefits and Eligibility for Provider
Coordination Of Benefits for Member	View Authorization for Provider
Order ID card	Provider Outreach for Provider

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Primary Care Providers (PCP)	SFY21 Q1	SFY21 Q2
Adults PCP		
Provider Count	6,591	6,641
Members with Access	204,945	210,795
Average Distance (Miles)	2	1.5
Pediatric PCP		
Provider Count	6,634	6,677
Members with Access	204,867	203,169
Average Distance (Miles)	2	1.6

SFY21 Q1

SFY21 Q2

#### Specialty Care & Behavioral Health (BH)

OB/GYN Adult		
Provider Count	400	399
Members with Access	134,256	137,341
Average Distance (Miles)	5.7	5.6
Outpatient - Behavioral Health		
Provider Count	4,000	4,043
Members with Access	409,812	413,964
Average Distance (Miles)	2	2.1
Inpatient - Behavioral Health		
Provider Count	49	48
Rural Members		
Members with Access	168,321	169,705
Average Distance (Miles)	21	21.6
Urban Members		
Members with Access	241,491	244,259
Average Distance (Miles)	6	5.7



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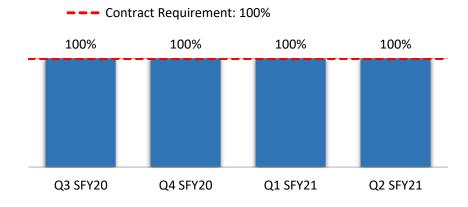
Adult PCP - Time Standards 30 minutes or 30 miles

--- Contract Requirement: 100% 100% 100% 100% 100%

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### Pediatric PCP - Time Standards

30 minutes or 30 miles



#### Link to Geo Access Reports:

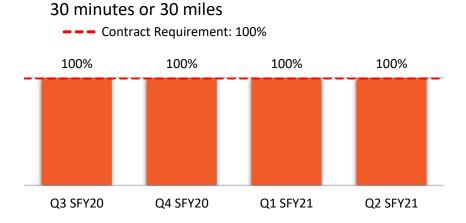
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Primary Care Providers (PCP)	SFY21 Q1	SFY21 Q2
Adults PCP		
Provider Count	8,301	8,548
Members with Access	153,137	160,490
Average Distance (Miles)	2.0	2.0
Pediatric PCP		
Provider Count	8,986	9,262
Members with Access	133,933	136,490
Average Distance (Miles)	2.1	2.1

#### Specialty Care & Behavioral Health (BH)

SFY21 Q1 SFY21 Q2 **OB/GYN Adult Provider Count** 1,207 1,183 Members with Access 102,412 106,694 Average Distance (Miles) 5.4 5.4 **Outpatient - Behavioral Health Provider Count** 7,842 8,251 Members with Access 287,070 296,980 2.6 Average Distance (Miles) 2.5 **Inpatient - Behavioral Health** 35 **Provider Count** 35 **Rural Members** Members with Access 205,468 212,426 25 24.7 Average Distance (Miles) **Urban Members** Members with Access 84,554 81,602 Average Distance (Miles) 8 8.4 😯 iowa total care.



#### Pediatric PCP - Time Standards

**Adult PCP - Time Standards** 

30 minutes or 30 miles

--- Contract Requirement: 100%



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## **MCO Program Integrity**

Program integrity (PI) encompasses a number of activities to ensure appropriate billing and payment. The main strategy for eliminating fraud, waste and abuse is to use state-of-the art technology to eliminate inappropriate claims before they are processed. This pre-edit process is done through sophisticated billing systems, which have a series of edits that reject inaccurate or duplicate claims.

Increased program integrity activities will be reported over time as more claims experience is accumulated by the MCOs, medical record reviews are completed, and investigations are closed.

The billing process generates the core information for program integrity activities. Claims payment and claims history provide information leading to the identification of potential fraud, waste, and abuse. Therefore MCO investigations, overpayment recovery, and referrals to MFCU listed in this chart would be considered pending until final determinations are made.

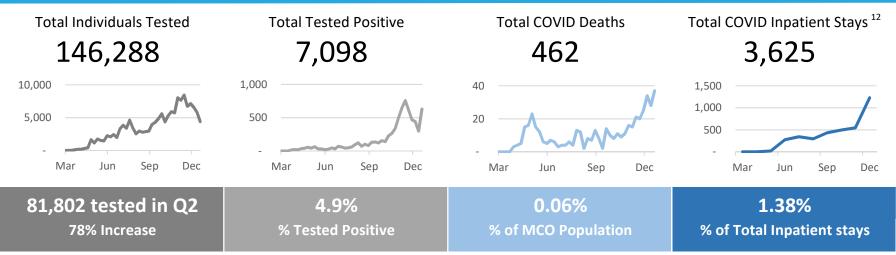


9 Iotal Cases Referred to MCFU

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<b>Program Integrity</b> - Fraud, Waste, & Abuse	An Anthem Company	SFY21 Q2	
Investigations opened Overpayments identified	28 23	34 23	
Member concerns referred to IME	6	3	
Cases referred to the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MCFU)	6	6	

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<b>Program Integrity</b> - Fraud, Waste, & Abuse	SFY21 Q1	SFY21 Q2	
Investigations opened Overpayments identified Member concerns referred to IME	9 0 8	29 1 4	
Cases referred to the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MCFU)	1	3	

## **MCO COVID-19 Summary**



COVID-19 testing and treatment is a covered benefit for Medicaid members. Total test counts reflect multiple tests for some individuals. In Q2, ITC updated logic used to evaluate inpatient stays which lead to the adjustment of previously reported COVID Inpatient Stays.<sup>12</sup>

MCO Total Counts	Q1 SFY21	Q2 SFY21
ER Visits - Counts	298,300	255,268
Amount Paid	\$63.77 M	\$64.17 M
Telehealth Services - Counts	156,254	162,046
Amount Paid	\$14.08 M	\$14.42 M
Transportation - Counts	200,464	213,932
Amount Paid	\$9.35 M	\$9.61 M
Home Maker Services - Counts	6,283	7,921
Amount Paid	\$1.18 M	\$1.26 M
COVID Testing - Counts	46,040	81,802
Amount Paid	\$6.02 M	\$9.72 M
Meals - Counts	12,817	12,594
Amount Paid	\$6.44 M	\$6.05 M

### **Claims Activity During COVID-19**



o In March, IL 2115-MC-FFS and IL 2119-MC-FFS authorized the expansion of telehealth services in Iowa.

o Since March, the Managed Care Organizations have reported a significant increase in telehealth services.

o IME is currently reviewing the continuation of telehealth service expansion once the public health emergency is lifted.

## **Appendix: Glossary**

**Abandonment Rate**: Percentage of unanswered calls abandoned by the caller after 30 seconds of the call entering the queue. (E.g. caller hangs up before speaking to anyone after waiting more than 30 seconds in a queue.)

#### Administrative Loss Ratio (ALR): See Financial Ratios

Adult Day Care: An organized program of supportive care in a group environment. The care is provided to members who need a degree of supervision and assistance on a regular or intermittent basis in a day care setting.

**All Cause Readmissions**: This measure looks at the rate of provider visits within 30 days of discharge from an acute care hospital per 1,000 discharges among beneficiaries assigned.

AIDS/HIV Waiver: A HCBS waiver that offers services for those who have been diagnosed with AIDS or HIV.

**Appeal**: An appeal is a request for a review of an adverse benefit determination. A member or a member's authorized representative may request an appeal following a decision made by an MCO. Actions that a member may choose to appeal:

- Denial of or limits on a service.
- Reduction or termination of a service that had been authorized.
- Denial in whole or in part of payment for a service.
- Failure to provide services in a timely manner.
- Failure of the MCO to act within required time-frames.
- For a resident of a rural area with only one MCO, the denial of services outside the network

Members may file an appeal directly with the MCO. If the member is not happy with the outcome of the appeal, they may file an appeal with DHS or they may ask to ask for a state fair hearing.

**Brain Injury** (**BI**) **Waiver**: A HCBS waiver that offers services for those who have been diagnosed with a brain injury due to an accident or an illness.

**Capitation Expenditures**: Medicaid payments the Department makes on a monthly basis to the MCOs for member health coverage. MCOs are paid a set amount for each enrolled person assigned to that MCO, regardless of whether services are used that month. Capitated rate payments vary depending on the member's eligibility.

- Adjustments: Monetary only payments/adjustments that can occur within the paid month for same month or prior months o Example Recoup and repay when rate changes occur
- Current: Payments that occur within the paid month for same month

Capitation Expenditures (continued...):

- **Retro**: Payments for months prior to the current month for member months not previously paid for
  - o Member months are counted if request is to provide member months within a specific date range for more than one month o Data is not pulled by paid date, but by eligibility month

**Care Coordinator**: A person who helps manage the health of members with chronic health conditions.

**Case Manager**: See Community Based Case Management (CBCM)

**Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service** (**CMS**): A federal agency that administers the Medicare program and works in partnership with state governments to administer Medicaid standards.

**Children's Mental Health (CMH) Waiver**: A HCBS waiver that offers services for children up to age 18, who have been diagnosed with a serious emotional disturbance.

**Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)**: A federal program administered by state governments to provide health care coverage for children and families whose income is too high to qualify for Medicaid, but too low to afford individual or work-provided health care.

Claims: What providers submit to the MCOs or the Department in order to receive payment for services rendered.

- Paid: Claim is received and the provider is reimbursed for the service rendered
- Denied: Claim is received and services are not covered benefits, duplicate, or other substantial issues that prevent payment
- Suspended: Pending internal review for medical necessity and/or additional information must be submitted for processing
- Run Out: Additional time for providers to submit claims for services rendered
- Provider Adjustment Requests and Errors Reprocessed:
  - o Claims where the provider may request a reopening to fix clerical errors or billing errors
  - o Claims identified by the MCOs as erroneously paid or denied which are corrected

**Clean Claims**: The claim is on the appropriate form, identifies the service provider that provided service sufficiently to verify, if necessary, affiliation status, patient status and includes any identifying numbers and service codes necessary for processing.

Community: A natural setting where people live, learn, work, and socialize.

**Community Based Case Management** (**CBCM**): Helps LTSS members manage complex health care needs. It includes planning, facilitating and advocating to meet the member's needs. It promotes high quality care and cost effective outcomes. CBCMs make sure that the member's care plan is carried out. They make updates to the care plan as needed.

**Consumer Directed Attendant Care** (**CDAC**): Helps people do things that they normally would for themselves if they were able. CDAC services may include unskilled tasks such as bathing, grocery shopping, household chores or skilled tasks such as medication management, tube feeding, recording vital signs. CDAC providers are available through an agency or from an individual such as a family member, friend, or neighbor that meets eligibility requirements.

Denied Claims: See Claims

Department of Human Services (DHS): The state's health and social services agency.

**Disenrollment**: Refers to members who have chosen to change their enrollment with one MCO to an alternate MCO.

Dual: Members who have both Medicare and Medicaid benefits.

**Durable Medical Equipment (DME)**: Reusable medical equipment for use in the home. It is rented or owned by the member and ordered by a provider.

Elderly Waiver: A HCBS waiver that offers services for elderly persons. An applicant must be at least 65 years of age.

**Financial Ratios**: The Affordable Care Act requires insurance companies to spend at least 80% or 85% of premium dollars on medical care. In lowa, the Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) for MCOs is contractually set at 89%.

- Administrative Loss Ratio (ALR): The percent of capitated rate payments an MCO spends on administrative costs.
- **Medical Loss Ratio** (**MLR**): The percent of capitated rate payments an MCO spends on claims and expenses that improve health care quality of Medicaid members.
- Underwriting Ratio (UR): If total expenses exceed capitated rate payments, an underwriting loss occurs. If total capitated rate payments exceed total expenses, an underwriting profit occurs.

**Grievance**: Members have the right to file a grievance with their MCO. A grievance is an expression of dissatisfaction about any matter other than a decision. The member, the member's representative or provider who is acting on their behalf and has the member's written consent may file a grievance. The grievance must be filed within 30 calendar days from the date the matter occurred. Examples include but are not limited to:

- Member is unhappy with the quality of your care
- Doctor who the member wants to see is not in the MCO's network
- · Member is not able to receive culturally competent care
- Member got a bill from a provider for a service that should be covered by the MCO
- · Rights and dignity
- · Member is commended changes in policies and services
- · Any other access to care issues

Habilitation (Hab) Services: A program that provides HCBS for lowans with the functional impairments typically associated with chronic mental illnesses.

Health & Disability (HD) Waiver: A HCBS waiver that offers services for those persons who are blind or disabled. An applicant must be less than 65 years of age for this waiver.

Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (Hawki): In Iowa, CHIP is offered through the Hawki program. Hawki offers health coverage, through a MCO, for uninsured children of working families. A family who qualifies for Hawki may have to pay a monthly premium.

Home Delivered Meals: Meals that are prepared outside of the member's home and delivered to the member.

**Home Health Aide**: Medical services that provide direct personal care. This may include assistance with oral medications, eating, bathing, dressing, personal hygiene, accompanying member to medical services, transporting member to and from school or medical appointments, and other necessary activities of daily living that is intended to prevent or postpone institutionalization.

**Homemaker Services**: Services provided when the member lives alone or when the person who usually performs these functions for the member needs assistance. Homemaker service is limited to essential shopping, limited house cleaning, and meal preparation.

Home and Community Based Services (HCBS): Types of person-centered care delivered in the home and community. A variety of health and human services can be provided. HCBS programs address the needs of people with functional limitations who need assistance with everyday activities, like getting dressed or bathing. HCBS are often designed to enable people to stay in their homes, rather than moving to a facility for care.

Inpatient Admissions: A member has formally been admitted to a hospital to receive care.

Intellectual Disability (ID) Waiver: A HCBS waiver that offers services for persons who have been diagnosed with an intellectual disability.

Intermediate Care Facilities for the Intellectually Disabled (ICF/ID): The ICF/IID benefit is an optional Medicaid benefit. The Social Security Act created this benefit to fund "institutions" (4 or more beds) for individuals with intellectual disabilities, and specifies that these institutions must provide "active treatment," as defined by the Secretary. Currently, all 50 States have at least one ICF/IID facility. This program serves over 100,000 individuals with intellectual disabilities and other related conditions. Most have other disabilities as well as intellectual disabilities. Many of the individuals are non-ambulatory, have seizure disorders, behavior problems, mental illness, visual or hearing impairments, or a combination of the above. All must qualify for Medicaid assistance financially.

**Iowa Health and Wellness Plan (IHAWP)**: The Iowa Health and Wellness Plan covers Iowans, ages 19-64, with incomes up to and including 133 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). The plan provides a comprehensive benefit package and is part of Iowa's implementation of the Affordable Care Act or Medicaid expansion.

lowa Insurance Division (IID): The state regulator which supervises all insurance business transacted in the state of Iowa.

Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME): The division of DHS that administers the Iowa Medicaid Program.

**Iowa Participant Experience Survey** (IPES): A survey tool developed for use with HCBS programs that asks members about the services they receive, and where the service is provided.

Level of Care (LOC): Members asking for HCBS waivers or facility care must meet Level of Care criteria. These must be consistent with people living in a care facility such as a nursing facility. Level of Care is determined by an assessment approved by DHS.

Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS): Medical and/or personal care and supportive services needed by individuals who have lost some capacity to perform activities of daily living, such as bathing, dressing, eating, transfers, and toileting, and/or activities that are essential to daily living, such as housework, preparing meals, taking medications, shopping, and managing money.

**M-CHIP**: Refers to Medicaid CHIP, or Medicaid expansion. M-CHIP provides coverage to children ages 6-18 whose family income is between 122 and 167 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), and infants whose family income is between 240 and 375 percent of the FPL.

**Managed Care Organization (MCO)**: A health plan contracted with DHS to provide Iowa Medicaid members with comprehensive health care services, including physical health, behavioral health, and LTSS.

**Medicaid**: Provides medically necessary health care coverage for financially needy adults, children, parents with children, people with disabilities, elderly people and pregnant women. Also known as Title XIX under the Social Security Act.

Medicaid Expansion: See Iowa Health and Wellness Plan (IHAWP) and/or M-CHIP

**Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU)**: A division within the Iowa Department of Inspections & Appeals whose primary goal is to prevent abuse of taxpayer resources through professional investigation of criminal activity. MFCU staffs experienced criminal investigators, auditors, and attorneys to achieve this goal.

Medical Loss Ratio (MLR): See Financial Ratios

**Mental Health Institute (MHI)**: Provide short term psychiatric treatment and care for severe symptoms of mental illness. Iowa has two MHIs located in **Cherokee** and **Independence**. The services at each MHI vary.

Nursing Facility (NF): Provide 24-hour care for individuals who need nursing or skilled nursing care.

**Non-Emergent Use**: Illnesses or injuries that are generally not life-threatening and do not need immediate treatment at an Emergency Department.

**Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)**: Services are for members with full Medicaid benefits, who need travel reimbursement or a ride to get to their medical appointments.

**Physical Disability (PD) Waiver**: A HCBS waiver that offers services for persons who are physically disabled. An applicant must be at least 18 years of age, but less than 65 years of age.

**Prior Authorization** (**PA**): Some services or prescriptions require approval from the MCO for them to be covered. This must be done before the member gets that service or fills that prescription. Prior Authorizations for pharmaceuticals are becoming more complex and may require more specific data for approval.

**Primary Care Provider (PCP)**: A physician, a physician assistant or nurse practitioner, who directly provides or coordinates member health care services. A PCP is the main provider the member will see for checkups, health concerns, health screenings, and specialist referrals.

**Program Integrity** (PI): Program Integrity (PI) is charged with reducing fraud, waste and abuse in the Iowa Medicaid program.

#### Provider Adjustment Requests and Errors Reprocessed: See Claims

**Provider Network Access**: Each MCO has a network of providers across Iowa who their members may see for care. Members don't need to call their MCO before seeing one of these providers. Before getting services from providers, members should show their ID card to ensure they are in the MCO network. There may be times when a member needs to get services outside of the MCO network. If a needed and covered service is not available in-network, it may be covered out-of-network at no greater cost to the member than if provided in-network.

**Psychiatric Medical Institute for Children** (**PMIC**): Institutions which provide more than 24-hours of continuous care involving long-term psychiatric services to three or more children in residence. The expected periods of stay for diagnosis and evaluation are fourteen days or more and for treatment the expected period of stay is 90-days or more.

Reported Reserves: Refer to an MCO's ability to pay their bills and the amount of cash they have on hand to do so.

Run Out: See Claims

Service Level (SL): In relation to call centers, service level is defined as the percentage of calls answered within a predefined amount of time.

**Service Plan**: Plan of services for HCBS members. A member's service plan is based on the member's needs and goals. It is created by the member and their interdisciplinary team to meet HCBS Waiver criteria.

Skilled Nursing Care: See Nursing Facility

Suspended Claims: See Claims

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Adult and Child: A program to help needy families achieve self-sufficiency.

**Third-Party Liability (TPL) Recovered**: Third party payments include recoveries from health insurance coverage, settlements or court awards for casualty/tort (accident) claims, product liability claims (global settlements), medical malpractice, worker's compensation claims, etc. This means all other available TPL resources must meet their legal obligation to pay claims for the care of an individual eligible for Medicaid. By law, Medicaid is generally the payer of last resort, meaning that Medicaid only pays claims for covered items and services if there are no other liable payers.

#### Underwriting Ratio (UR): See Financial Ratios

Value Added Services (VAS): Optional benefits provided by the MCOs outside of the standard Medicaid benefit package. MCOs use value added services as an incentive to attract members to their plan. The following VAS examples, captured from each MCO's handbook, provide a description of their most active services offered. A complete listing by each MCO can also be found here: https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/Comm504.pdf

• Taking Care of Baby and Me® (AGP): It's very important to see your primary care provider (PCP), obstetrician or gynecologist (OB/GYN) for care when you're pregnant. This kind of care is called prenatal care. It can help you have a healthy baby. Prenatal care is always important even if you've already had a baby. With our program, members receive health information and rewards for getting prenatal and postpartum care.

• **My Health Pays** (**ITC**): This program rewards members who engage in healthy behaviors with predetermined nominal dollar amounts. Members who complete plan determined healthy behaviors will receive a reloadable Visa card. This Visa card can only be used at participating retailers, such as Walmart and for additional options such as transportation, utilities, phone bills, education costs, child care and rent. This card does not allow for the purchase of tobacco, firearms, or alcohol. In addition to this, members may utilize this card for medical cost share. Should a member incur a copay for a non-emergent emergency department visit, they may use the card to pay for this copay.

**Value Based Purchasing (VBP) Agreement**: An agreement that holds health care providers accountable for both the cost and quality of care they provide by providing payment to improved performance.

Waivers: See Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) or specific waivers listed above.

Waiver Service Plan: See Service Plan