



# Alaska Health & Human Services Market Profile: 2025



# Health & Human Services Market Profile Overview

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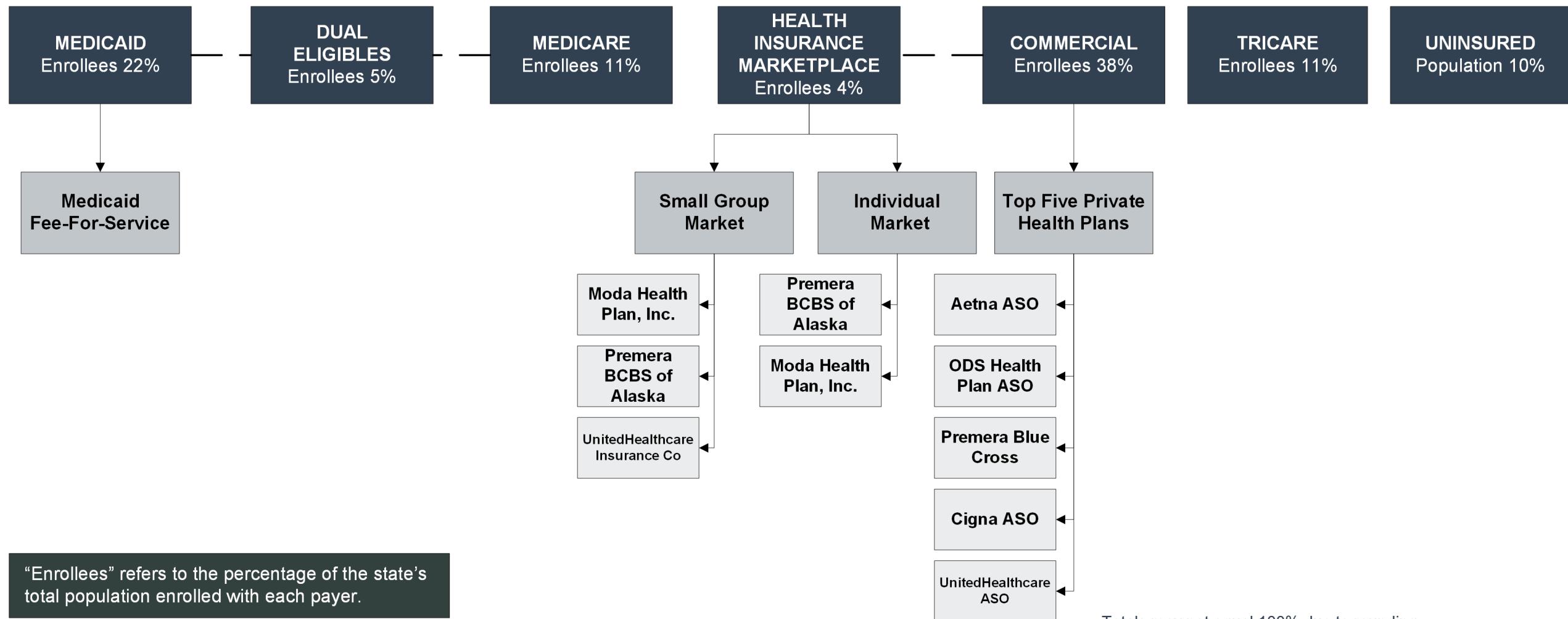
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## A. Executive Summary

# A.1. Alaska Physical Health Care Coverage by Payer

Total Alaska Population- 733,406

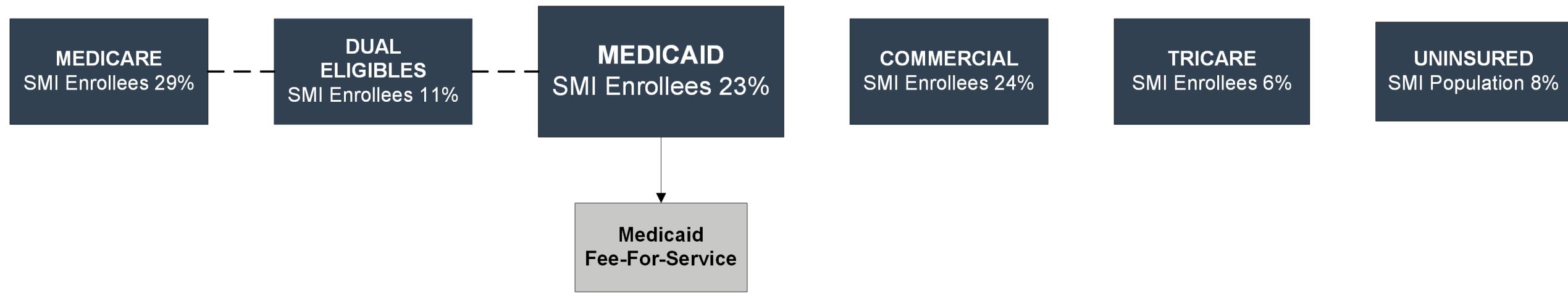
Estimated SMI Population- 58,672



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Totals may not equal 100% due to rounding.

# A.1. Alaska Behavioral Health Care Coverage by Payer



“Enrollees” refers to the percentage of the state’s total SMI population enrolled with each payer.

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## A.2. Health & Human Services Care Coordination Initiatives

<b>Medicaid Care Coordination Entities For Chronic Care Populations (Including SMI)</b>		
<b>Care Coordination Entity</b>	<b>Active Program</b>	<b>Description</b>
Managed Care Health Plan		The state's plan to implement a managed care demonstration are on hold.
Primary Care Case Management (PCCM)		None
Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Program		None
Affordable Care Act (ACA) Model Health Home		The state is exploring implementation of chronic condition health homes.
Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH)	✓	The state provides PCMH services through the Providence Family Medical Center (PFMC).
Dual Eligible Demonstration		None
Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS)		None
Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) Grant	✓	The state currently operates three CCBHCs.
Other Care Coordination Initiatives	✓	The Alaska Medicaid Coordinated Care Initiative (AMCCI) is a voluntary care coordination program for high-utilizers of services.

# A.3. Health Care Safety-Net Delivery System

## State Agencies Responsible For Uninsured Citizens & Delivery System Model

### Physical Health Services

- Safety-net physical health services are provided by the Office of Healthcare Access within the Alaska Department of Health (DHSS).

### Mental Health Services

- The Division of Behavioral Health within DHSS contracts with a network of provider organizations to provide mental health services to the safety-net population.

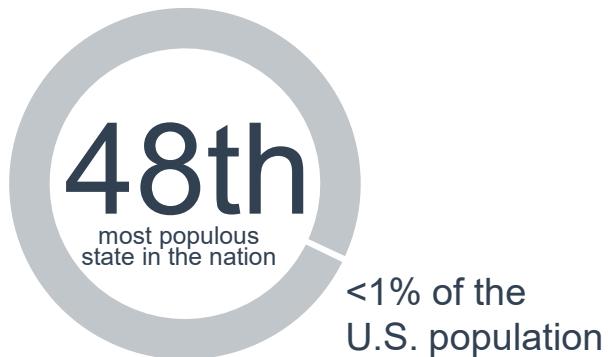
### Addiction Treatment Services

- The Division of Behavioral Health within DHSS contracts with a network of provider organizations to provide addiction treatment services to the safety-net population.

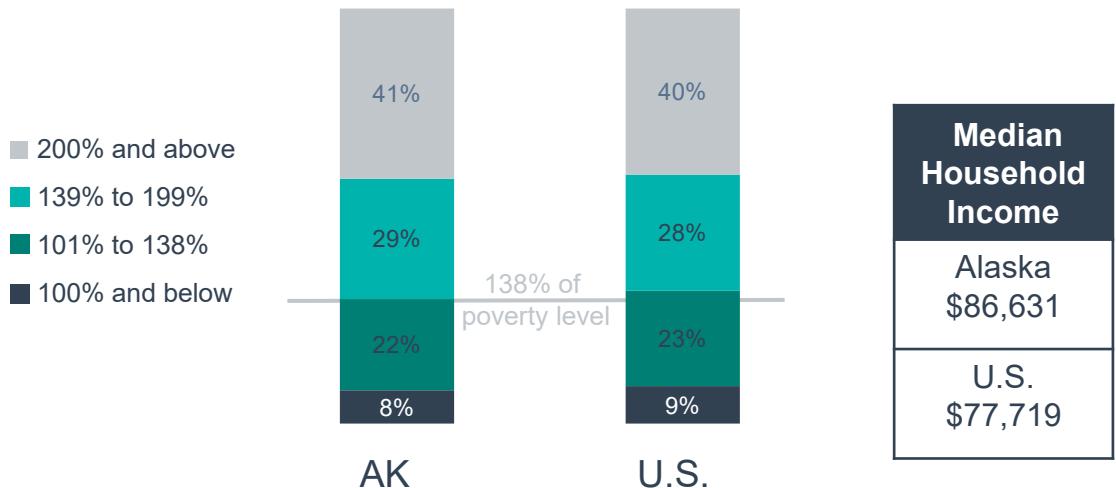
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# B.1. Population Demographics

Total Alaska Population- 733,406  
Estimated SMI Population- 58,672



Population Distribution By Income To Poverty Threshold Ratio

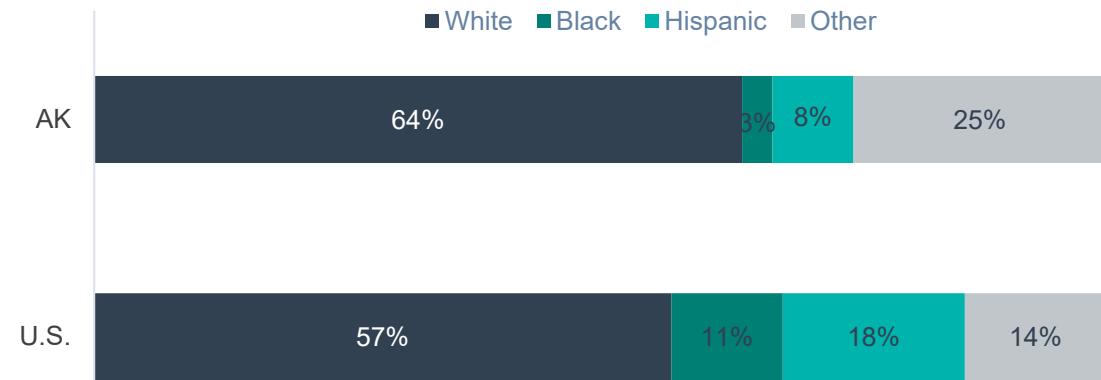


Population Distribution By Age



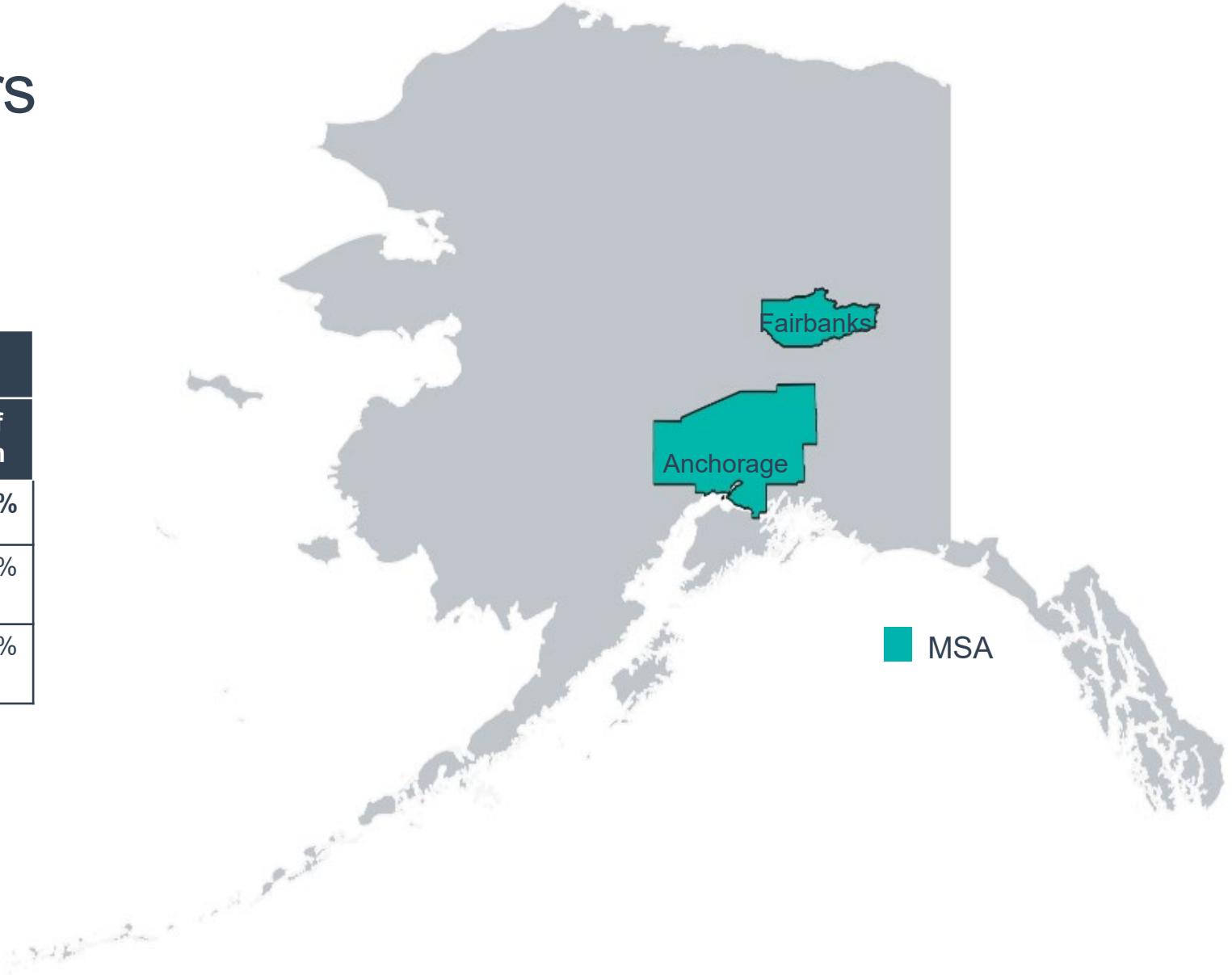
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Alaska & U.S. Racial Composition

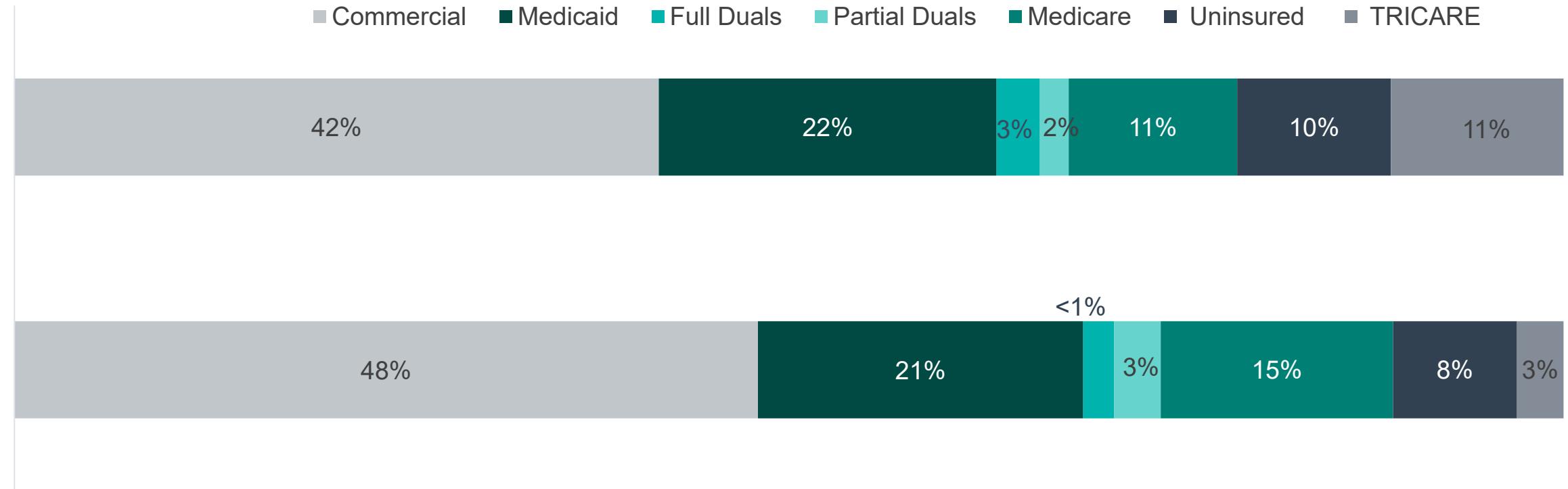


## B.2. Population Centers

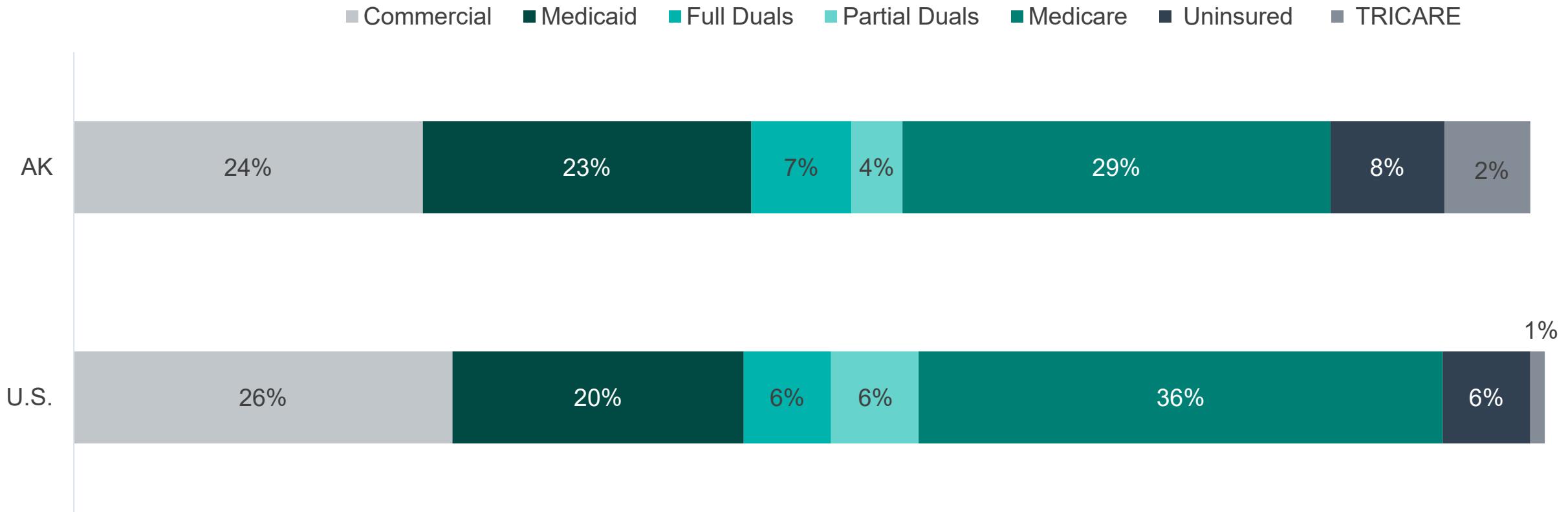
Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)		
MSA	MSA Residents	Percent Of Population
Total MSA Population	496,670	68%
Anchorage, AK	401,314	55%
Fairbanks, AK	95,356	13%



## B.3. Population Distribution By Payer: National vs. State



## B.3. SMI Population Distribution By Payer: National vs. State



Totals may not equal 100% due to rounding.

## B.4. Largest Alaska Health Plans By Enrollment

Plan Name	Plan Type	Enrollment*
Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS)	Medicaid	249,304
Premera Blue Cross	Commercial	144,223
Alaska Medicare FFS	Medicare	113,279
TRICARE	Other public	82,129
Aetna ASO	Commercial administrative services organization (ASO)	49,221
UnitedHealthcare ASO	Commercial ASO	9,433
Cigna ASO	Commercial ASO	6,733
ODS Health Plan ASO	Commercial ASO	1,920
Moda Health Plan	Commercial	1,253
Aetna Life Insurance Company	Medicare Advantage	1,122

\*Medicaid enrollment as of January 2025; TRICARE as of December 2024; Commercial as of January 2025; Medicare enrollment as of April 2024

## B.4. Largest Alaska Health Plans By Estimated SMI Enrollment

Plan Name	Plan Type	Enrollment*	Estimated SMI Enrollment
Alaska Medicare FFS	Medicare	113,279	25,714
Alaska Medicaid FFS	Medicaid	249,304	21,939
Premera Blue Cross	Commercial	144,223	7,067
TRICARE	Other public	82,129	5,503
Aetna ASO	Commercial ASO	49,221	2,412
UnitedHealthcare ASO	Commercial ASO	9,433	462
Cigna ASO	Commercial ASO	6,733	330
Aetna Medicare	Medicare Advantage	1,017	231
Sierra Health and Life Insurance Company	Medicare Advantage	598	136
ODS Health Plan ASO	Commercial	1,920	94

\*Medicaid enrollment as of January 2025; TRICARE as of December 2024; Commercial as of January 2025; Medicare enrollment as of April 2024

## B.5. Health Insurance Marketplace

<b>Health Insurance Marketplace</b>	
Health Insurance Marketplace Enrollment Percentage	4%
Type of Marketplace	Federal
Individual Enrollment Contact	<a href="https://www.healthcare.gov/">https://www.healthcare.gov/</a> 1-800-318-2596
Small Business Enrollment Contact	<a href="https://www.healthcare.gov/small-businesses/">https://www.healthcare.gov/small-businesses/</a> 1-800-706-7893

<b>2025 Individual Market Health Plans</b>
1. Premera Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alaska
2. Moda Health Plan

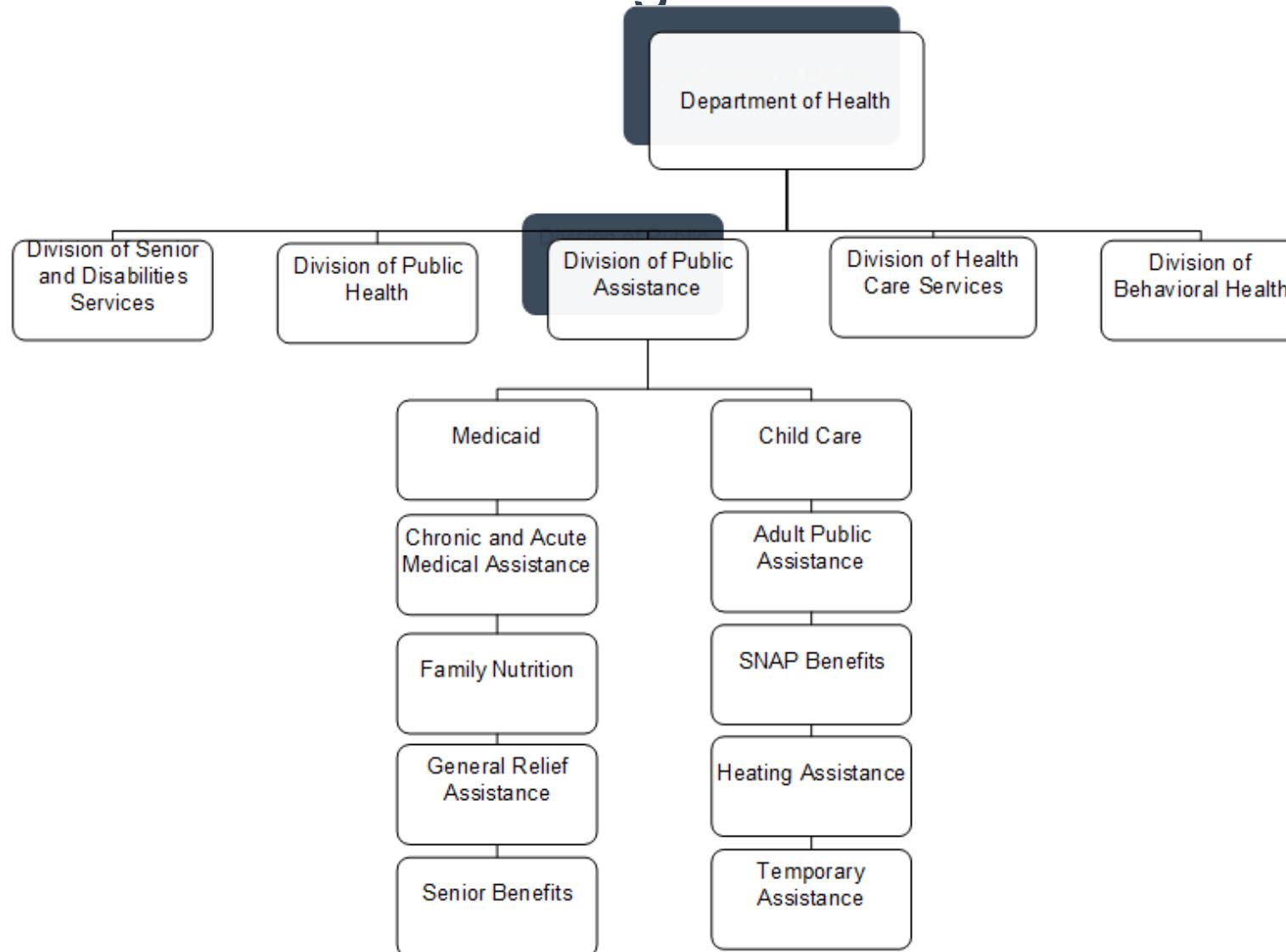
<b>2025 Small Group Market Health Plans</b>
1. Premera Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alaska
2. Moda Health Plan
3. UnitedHealthcare Insurance Co.

## B.6. Accountable Care Organizations

<b>Medicare ACOs</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Envoy Integrated Health ACO, LLC</li><li>2. Health Connect Partners, LLC</li><li>3. CHSPSC ACO 8, LLC</li></ol>

## C. Medicaid Administration, Governance & Operations

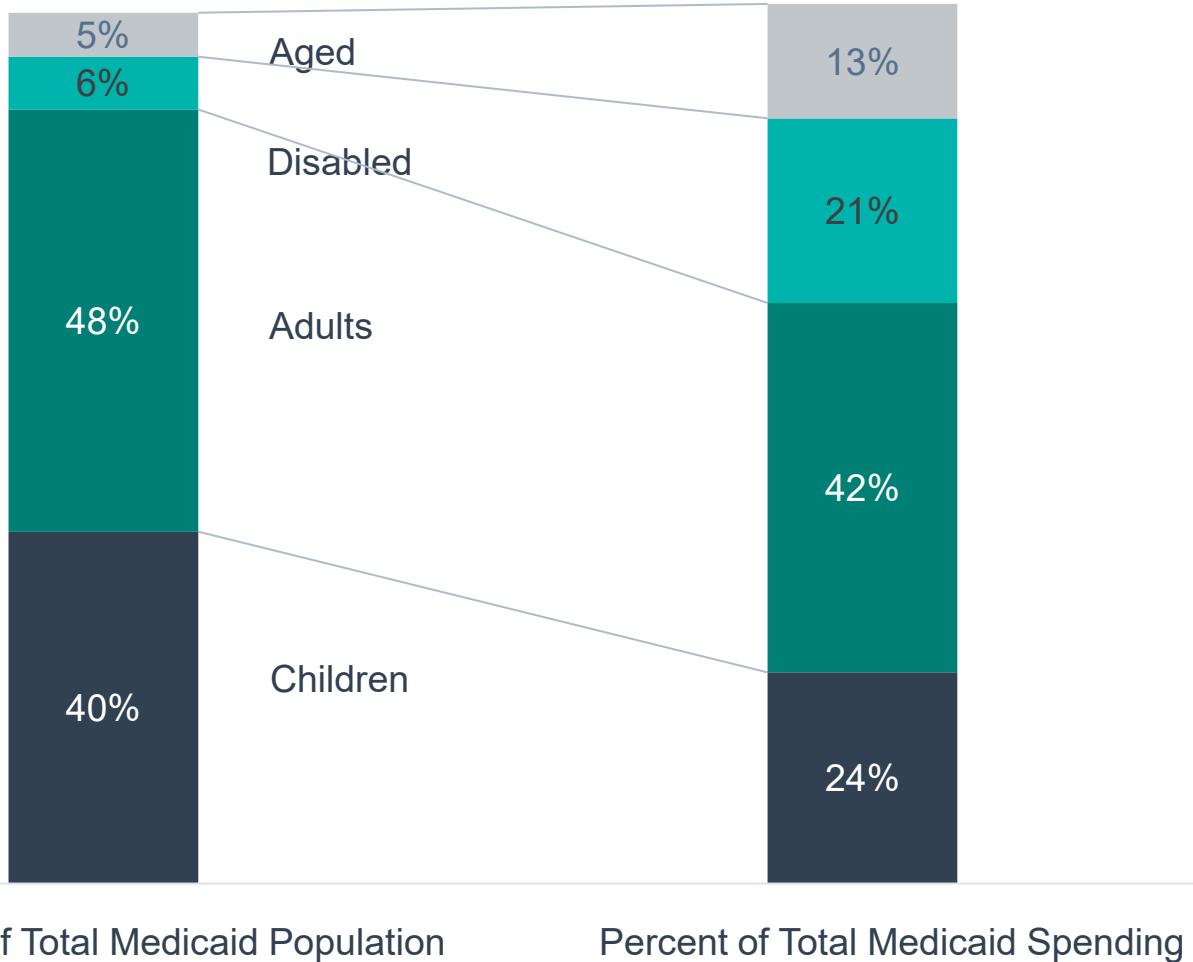
# C.1. Medicaid Governance: Organization Chart



## C.1. Medicaid Governance: Key Leadership

Name	Position	Department	Email
Heidi Hedberg	Commissioner	Department of Health	heidi.hedberg@alaska.gov
Emily Beaulieu	Medicaid State Plan Coordinator	DOH	Emily.Beaulieu@alaska.gov
Emily Ricci	Deputy Commissioner	DOH	emily.ricci@alaska.gov
Deb Ethridge	Director	DOH, Division of Public Assistance	Deb.ethridge@alaska.gov
Clarissa Moon	Division Operations Manager	DOH, Division of Health Care Services	clarissa.moon@alaska.gov

## C.2. Medicaid Program Spending By Eligibility Group



	U.S.	AK
All populations	\$8,813	\$9,786
Children	\$3,786	\$5,878
Adults	\$5,443	\$7,819
Expansion adults	\$7,569	\$8,980
Blind and disabled	\$25,483	\$34,042
Aged	\$19,191	\$22,862

Based on FY 2022 data

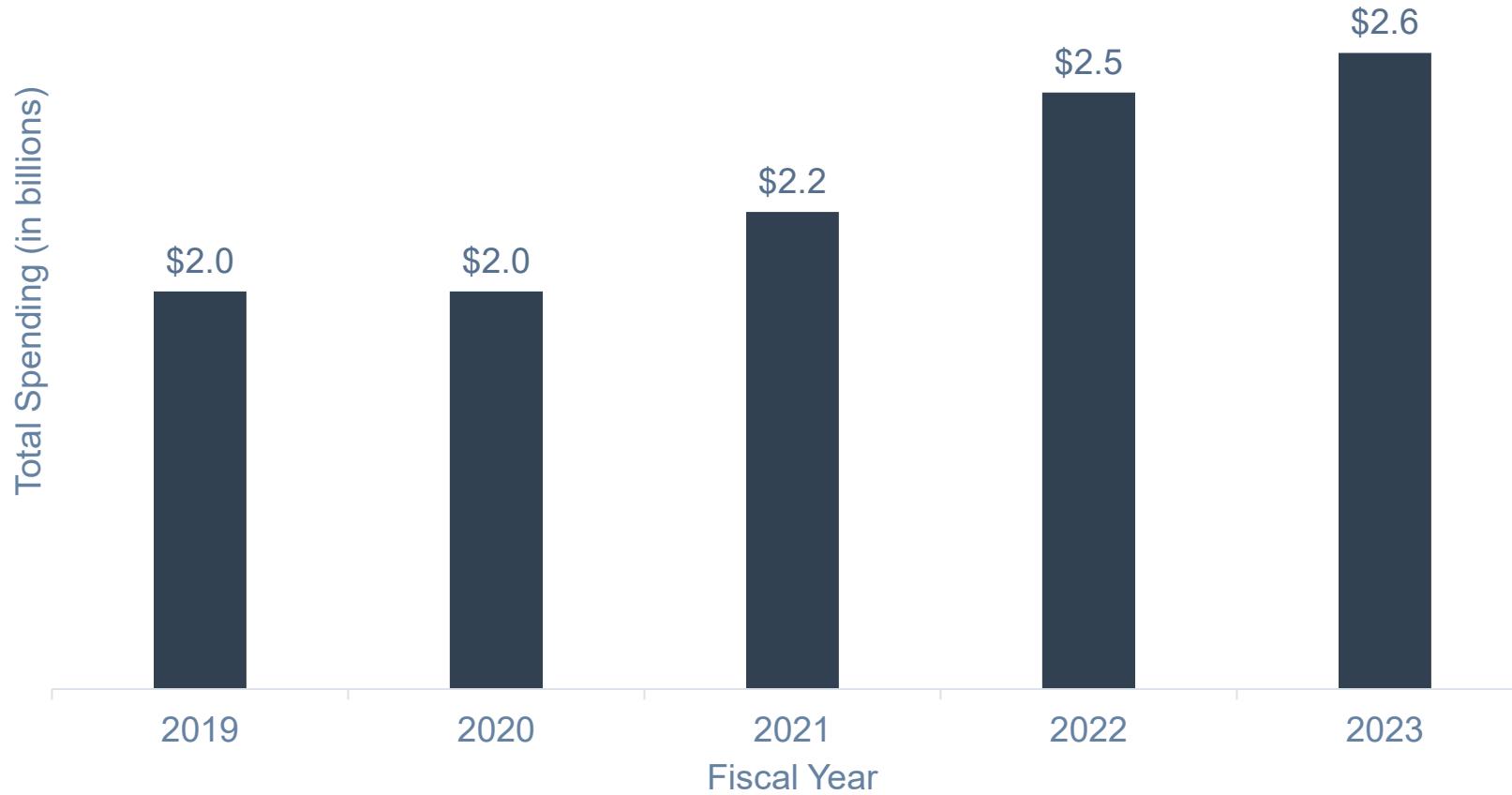
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## C.2. Medicaid Program Spending

Budget Item	FY23-24 Spending	Percent Of Budget
Hospital	\$707,000,000	28%
Clinic and health center	\$575,000,000	22%
Home- and community-based LTSS	\$391,000,000	15%
Institutional LTSS	\$233,000,000	9%
Other acute services	\$218,000,000	9%
Physician	\$174,000,000	7%
Dental	\$98,000,000	4%
Drugs	\$74,000,000	3%
Medicare premiums and coinsurance	\$46,000,000	2%
Other practitioner	\$43,000,000	2%
<b>Budget Total: \$2,559,000,000</b>		

Federal & County Financial Participation	
FY 2025 Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP)	51.5%
CY 2025 Newly Eligible FMAP (expansion population)	88%
Counties contribute to state Medicaid share	No

## C.2. Medicaid Program Spending: Change Over Time



## C.3. Medicaid Expansion Status

Medicaid Expansion	
<b>Participating In Expansion</b>	Yes
<b>Date Of Expansion</b>	September 2015
<b>Medicaid Eligibility Income Limit For Able-Bodied Adults</b>	133% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for expansion population and 135% FPL for parent and caretaker relatives. Note: The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) requires that 5% of income be disregarded when determining eligibility.
<b>Legislation Used To Expand Medicaid</b>	None
<b>Number Of Individuals Enrolled In The Expansion Group (June 2024)</b>	71,212
<b>Number Of Enrollees Newly Eligible Due To Expansion</b>	71,211
<b>Benefits Plan For Expansion Population</b>	The alternative benefit plan is based on and identical to the state plan.

# C.4. Medicaid Program Benefits

## Federally Mandated Services

1. Inpatient hospital services other than services in an institution for mental disease (IMD)
2. Outpatient hospital services
3. Rural Health Clinic services
4. Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) services
5. Laboratory and x-ray services
6. Nursing facilities for individuals 21 and over
7. Early and Periodic Screening and Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)
8. Family planning services and supplies
9. Free standing birth centers
10. Pregnancy-related and postpartum services
11. Nurse midwife services
12. Tobacco cessation programs for pregnant women
13. Physician services
14. Medical and surgical services of a dentist
15. Home health services
16. Nurse practitioner services
17. Non-emergency transportation to medical care
18. Clinic services
19. Personal care services

## Alaska's Optional Services

1. Podiatry services
2. Optometry services
3. Home health services
4. Dental services
5. Physical and occupational therapy
6. Services for individuals with speech, hearing, and language disorders
7. Prescribed drugs
8. Dentures, eyeglasses, and prosthetic devices
9. Diagnostic and preventative services
10. Rehabilitative services
11. Services for individuals 65 years or older in IMDs
12. Intermediate care facilities
13. Inpatient psychiatric facility services for individuals under age 21
14. Nursing facility services for individuals under age 21

## D. Medicaid Financing & Service Delivery System

# D.1. Medicaid Financing & Service Delivery System

Medicaid System Characteristics	
Characteristics	Medicaid Fee-For-Service (FFS)
<b>Enrollment (April 2024)</b>	248,307
<b>SMI Enrollment</b>	Alaska does not operate a managed care or primary care case management program; therefore, the entirety of the SMI population is enrolled in FFS.
<b>Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Alaska Department of Health</li><li>Fiscal agent and service authorization: Conduent</li></ul>
<b>Payment Model</b>	FFS
<b>Geographic Service Area</b>	Statewide

**Total Medicaid: 248,307 | Total Medicaid With SMI: 21,851**

# D.1. Medicaid System Overview

Medicaid Financial Delivery System Enrollment	
Total Medicaid population distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>As of April 2024: 100% in fee-for-service (FFS), 0% in managed care</li></ul>
SMI population inclusion in managed care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Alaska does not operate a managed care or primary care case management (PCCM) program; therefore, the entirety of the SMI population is enrolled in FFS.</li><li>Estimated 100% of population in FFS, 0% in managed care</li></ul>
Dual eligible population inclusion in managed care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Alaska does not operate a managed care or PCCM program; therefore, the entirety of the dual eligible population is enrolled in FFS.</li><li>Estimated 100% of population in FFS, 0% in managed care</li></ul>
Long-term services and supports (LTSS) inclusion in managed care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Alaska does not operate a managed care or primary care case management (PCCM) program; therefore, the entirety of the LTSS population is enrolled in FFS.</li></ul>

Medicaid Financing & Risk Arrangements: Behavioral Health		
Service Type	FFS Population	Managed Care Population
Traditional behavioral health	Covered FFS by the state	Not applicable
Specialty behavioral health	Covered FFS by the state	Not applicable
Pharmaceuticals	Covered FFS by the state	Not applicable
Long-term services and supports (LTSS)	Covered FFS by the state	Not applicable

# D.1. Medicaid Service Delivery System Enrollment By Eligibility Group

- Alaska does not currently operate a managed care program; therefore, the entirety of the population is enrolled in the FFS system.

Population	Mandatory FFS Enrollment	Option To Enroll In FFS Or Managed Care	Mandatory Managed Care Enrollment
Parents and caretakers	X		
Children	X		
Blind and disabled individuals	X		
Aged individuals	X		
Dual eligibles	X		
Medicaid expansion	X		
Individuals residing in nursing homes	X		
Individuals residing in ICF/IDD	X		
Individuals in foster care	X		

## D.2. Medicaid FFS Program: Overview

- As of April 2024, FFS enrollment was 248,307.
- Conduent Healthcare acts as the state's fiscal agent and provides service authorization for certain benefits, enrolling provider organizations, and verifying recipient eligibility.
  - Comagine Health manages the utilization aspects of the health program.
- The Alaska Medicaid Coordinated Care Initiative (AMCCI) is a voluntary program that provides one-on-one case management services including care coordination, scheduling appointments, addressing barriers, and referrals to specialists and social service supports.
  - Currently, Comagine has the only contract with the state for AMCCI.
  - Senate Bill 74 (see [section D.4.](#)) required DHSS to establish a primary care case management system that enroll beneficiaries with multiple hospitalizations. Therefore, DHSS will continue to expand AMCCI.
- DHSS contracts with two organizations that receive a per member per month (PMPM) payment to provide services.
  - MedExpert operates statewide and uses a telecommunications-based case management model.
  - Comagine Health (formerly Qualis Health) operates in the Anchorage area only, and uses face-to-face encounters for about 50 enrollees.
- The state sees the AMCCI program as laying the groundwork for a mandatory primary care case management program.

## D.2. Medicaid FFS Program: Behavioral Health Benefits

- All behavioral health and pharmacy services are financed FFS.
- Optum currently serves as the state's behavioral health administrative services organization (ASO).

FFS Mental Health Benefits	FFS Addiction Treatment Benefits
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Inpatient services</li><li>2. Screening, assessment, and testing</li><li>3. Individual, group, and family therapy</li><li>4. Pharmacologic management</li><li>5. Medication administration</li><li>6. Crisis intervention</li><li>7. Case management</li><li>8. Peer support services</li><li>9. Community support group services</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment (SBIRT)</li><li>2. Assessment</li><li>3. Treatment plan</li><li>4. Crisis intervention</li><li>5. Individual, group, and family therapy</li><li>6. Pharmacologic management</li><li>7. Community support services</li><li>8. Peer support services</li><li>9. Recipient support services</li><li>10. Residential treatment</li><li>11. Detoxification services</li></ol>

## D.2. Medicaid FFS Program: Behavioral Health Demonstration Waiver Benefits

- With the approval of the 1115 waiver, CMS authorized the following enhanced behavioral health and addiction treatment services for Medicaid beneficiaries.

Behavioral Health Treatment Benefits	Addiction Treatment Benefits
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Home-based family treatment</li><li>2. Intensive care management services</li><li>3. Partial hospitalization program services</li><li>4. Intensive outpatient services</li><li>5. Children's residential treatment – level one</li><li>6. Therapeutic treatment homes</li><li>7. Assertive community treatment (ACT)</li><li>8. Adult mental health residential treatment services</li><li>9. Peer-based crisis services</li><li>10. Mobile outreach and crisis response services</li><li>11. 23-hour crisis observation and stabilization services</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Opioid treatment services</li><li>2. Intensive outpatient services</li><li>3. Partial hospitalization</li><li>4. Medically monitored and managed intensive inpatient services</li><li>5. Ambulatory and clinically managed withdrawal management</li><li>6. Residential withdrawal management</li><li>7. Intensive inpatient withdrawal services</li></ol>

## D.2. Medicaid FFS Program: SMI Population

- Alaska does not operate a managed care or primary care case management program; therefore, the entirety of the SMI population is enrolled in FFS.
- As of April 2024, *OPEN MINDS* estimates that 100% of the SMI population was enrolled in FFS.

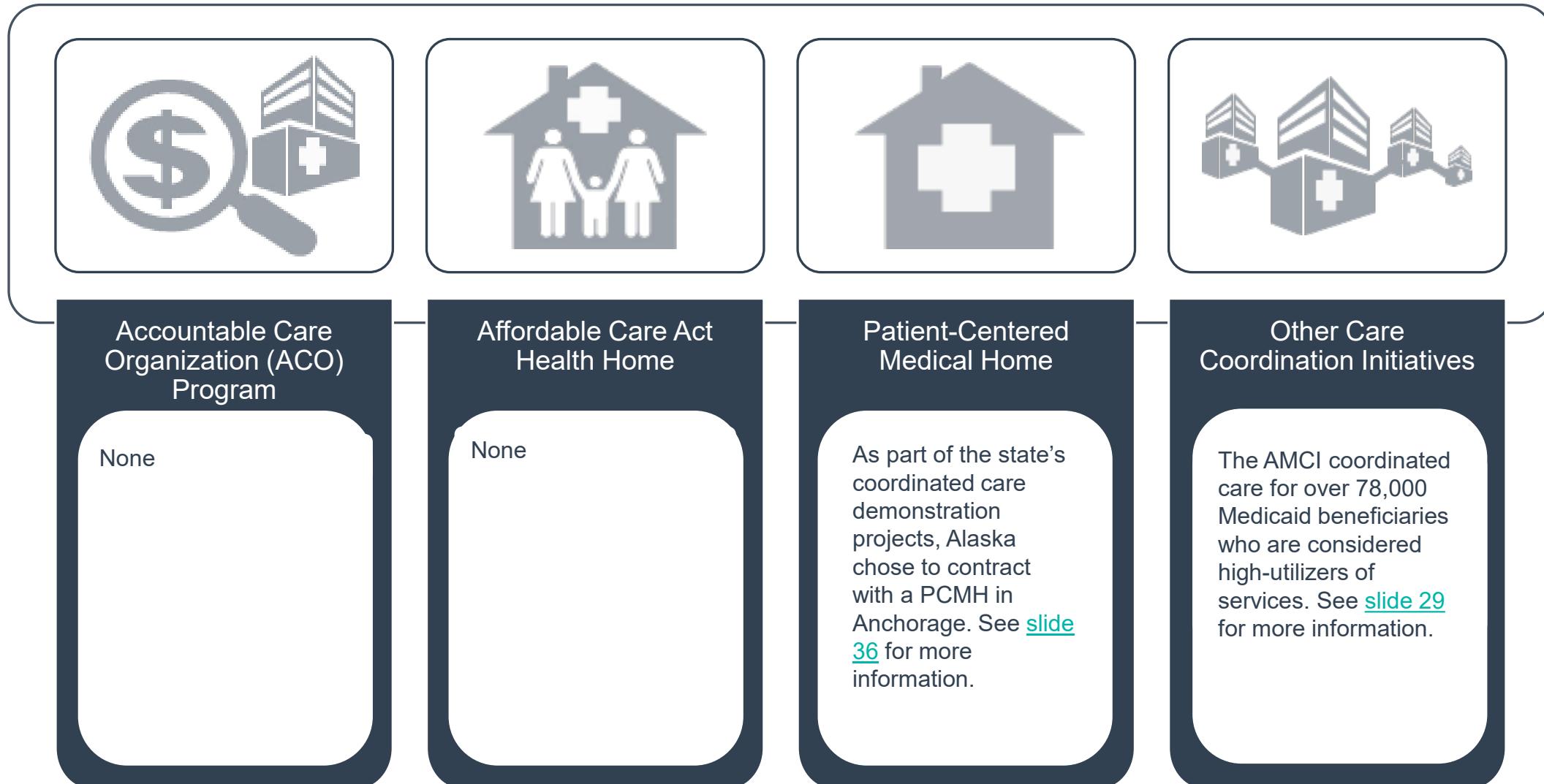
## D.2. Medicaid FFS Program: Pharmacy Benefit

Alaska FFS Program Pharmacy Benefit & Utilization Restrictions	
<b>State Uses Pharmacy Benefit Manager</b>	Yes, Optum Rx.
<b>Responsible For Financing General Pharmacy Benefit</b>	Medicaid FFS
<b>Responsible For Financing Mental Health Pharmacy Benefit</b>	Medicaid FFS
<b>State Uses A Preferred Drug List (PDL) For General Pharmacy</b>	Yes
<b>State Uses A PDL For Mental Health Drugs</b>	Yes, antidepressants, anticonvulsants, and a/typical antipsychotics are included in the general PDL.
<b>State Uses A PDL For Addiction Treatment Drugs</b>	Yes, opioid dependence and smoking cessation drugs are included in the general PDL.
<b>Coverage Of Antipsychotic Injectable Medications</b>	Antipsychotic injectable medications are covered as a pharmacy benefit; injectable atypical antipsychotics require prior approval.
<b>Utilization Restrictions For Mental Health Or Addiction Treatment Drugs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Non-preferred drugs require “medically necessary” documentation.</li><li>Atypical antipsychotics require prior approval for therapeutic duplication, use by a child under age five, or to exceed quantity limits.</li><li>Suboxone and subutex require prior approval for continuation of care after the first 28 days of medication assisted treatment (MAT).</li></ul>
<b>State Has A Pharmacy Lock-In Program Or Other Restriction Program</b>	Yes, Alaska calls its lock-in program the Care Management Program. Individuals referred to the Care Management Program are typically enrolled for 12 months during which they are restricted to one primary care provider organization and one pharmacy. Treatment services from other provider organizations require prior authorization.

## D.3. Medicaid Managed Care Program: Overview

- Alaska does not currently operate a managed care program.
- In 2016, Senate Bill 74 mandated that Alaska test the efficiency of managed care under the Coordinated Care Demonstration Project (CCDP). The managed care pilot program was expected to start in April 2019, but as of January 2021, the program was seen as financially unfeasible.

## D.4. Medicaid Program: Care Coordination Initiatives



## D.4. Medicaid Program: Behavioral Health ASO

- On April 22, 2019, Optum was awarded the contract to serve as the behavioral health ASO. Services through the state's contract began on November 5, 2019.
- The contract award is valued at \$7 million per year for a total of \$35 million over five years.
  - The state withholds 5% of the contract amount to be repaid if the performance measures are met.
  - The state has designated 84 performance measures, including 19 process measures, 44 outcome measures, and 21 structural measures.
- The state received approval for the behavioral health aspects of the waiver on September 6, 2019.
- During November 2019, the state signed the contract which went live in February 2020.
- The ASO is responsible for:
  1. Service access and utilization
  2. Provider organization regional capacity development and support
  3. Participant outreach, communication, and support
  4. Quality and outcomes management
  5. Data management
  6. Claims processing
  7. Systems support
  8. Staffing

## D.5. Medicaid Program: Demonstration & Care Management Waivers

Waiver Title	Waiver Description	Waiver Type	Enrollment Cap	Effective Date	Expiration Date
Alaska Behavioral Health Reform	The goal is for Alaska to maintain critical access to opioid use disorder and other substance use disorder treatment services and continue delivery system improvements for these services to provide more coordinated and comprehensive behavioral health services and OUD/SUD treatment for Medicaid beneficiaries.	1115	None	01/01/2019	12/31/2028

# D.5. Medicaid Program: Section 1915 (c) HCBS Waivers

Waiver Title	Target Population	2025 Enrollment Cap	Operating Unit	Concurrent Management Authority
AK Alaskans Living Independently (0261.R06.00)	Individuals who are physically disabled ages 21 to 64, and individuals ages 65 and older	3,054	Division of Senior & Disabilities Services	No
AK People w/Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) (0260.R06.00)	Individuals with autism of any age, and individuals with I/DD of any age	2,150	Division of Senior & Disabilities Services	No
AK Individualized Supports Waiver (1566.R01.00)	Individuals with autism of any age, and individuals with I/DD of any age	620	Division of Senior & Disabilities Services	No
AK Children w/Complex Medical Conditions (0263.R06.00)	Individuals who are medically fragile ages 0 to 21	382	Division of Senior & Disabilities Services	No
AK Adults w/Physical and Developmental Disabilities (0262.R06.00)	Individuals with autism ages 21 and older, and individuals with I/DD ages 21 and older	163	Division of Senior & Disabilities Services	No

## D.6. Medicaid Program: New Initiatives

- There are no new or pending initiatives currently.

## E. Medicare Financing & Service Delivery System

# E.1. Medicare Financing & Service Delivery System

Medicare System Characteristics		
Characteristics	Traditional Medicare (FFS)	Medicare Advantage
<b>Enrollment (September 2024)</b>	113,279	3,112
<b>SMI Enrollment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>OPEN MINDS estimates 3% of the population in Medicare Advantage, 97% in Traditional Medicare.</li></ul>	
<b>Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Part A: inpatient hospital, skilled nursing facility care, nursing home care, hospice and home health care</li><li>Part B: clinical research, ambulance services, durable medical equipment, mental health and limited outpatient prescription drugs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Medicare Advantage Plans provide Part A and Part B benefits, plus additional benefits based on plan chosen</li></ul>
<b>Payment Model</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Part A &amp; B cover up to 80%, remaining costs can be paid out of pocket</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fixed amounts paid based on health plan chosen</li></ul>
<b>Geographic Service Area</b>	Statewide	Statewide

**Total Medicare: 116,391 | Total Medicare With SMI: 26,420**

## E.2. Medicare System Overview

Medicare Financial Delivery System Enrollment	
Total Medicare population distribution	As of September 2024: 97% in traditional Medicare, 3% in Medicare Advantage.
SMI population inclusion in managed care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Estimated 97% of population in traditional Medicare, 3% in Medicare Advantage.</li></ul>
Medicare population inclusion in Chronic special needs plan or (C-SNP).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>There are currently no C-SNP plans in Alaska</li></ul>
Medicare population inclusion in Institutional Special Needs Plan (I-SNP).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>There are currently no I-SNP plans in Alaska</li></ul>

## E.2. Medicare Program: Overview

- Medicare enrollment as of September 2024 was 116,391.
- Alaska has the country's third-lowest population, but the smallest state population enrolled in Medicare.
- Alaska's Medicare beneficiaries make up about 11% of the state's total population, whereas Medicare beneficiaries account for about 19.5% of the U.S. population, which totals over 65 million Medicare recipients.
- Individual Medicare Advantage plans are not available in the state of Alaska (some employers, including the Alaska state government, use group Medicare Advantage plans for retirees).
  - There were two Medicare Advantage plans available to individuals in some areas of Alaska for 2022 and 2023, but they are no longer available for 2024.
- 14 private insurers offer Medigap plans in Alaska, and the state's high-risk pool offers Medigap coverage to those under age 65 who qualify.
  - In addition, one of the private Medigap insurers offers a plan for those under 65.
- There are 19 stand-alone Part D prescription plans available in Alaska for 2024.
- Many Medicare beneficiaries receive financial assistance through Medicaid with the cost of Medicare premiums, prescription drug expenses, and services not covered by Medicare – such as long-term care.

## E.3. Medicare ACOs

<b>Medicare ACOs</b>
1. Envoy Integrated Health ACO, LLC 2. Health Connect Partners, LLC 3. CHSPSC ACO 8, LLC

## E.4. Medicare Program: New Initiatives

- There are no new or pending initiatives currently.

## F. Dual Eligible Financing & Service Delivery System

# F.1. Dual Eligible Medicaid Financing & Service Delivery System

Dual Eligible* Medicaid System Characteristics	
Characteristics	Medicaid Fee-For-Service (FFS)
<b>Enrollment (September 2023)</b>	20,576
<b>Estimated SMI Enrollment</b>	4,321
<b>Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Alaska Department of Health</li><li>Fiscal agent and service authorization: Conduent</li></ul>
<b>Payment Model</b>	FFS
<b>Geographic Service Area</b>	Statewide

**Total Dual Eligible Enrollment: 20,576 | Total Dual Eligible Enrollment With SMI: 4,321**

\*Unless otherwise noted, the term *dual eligibles* in this section refers to Medicare enrollees with full Medicaid benefits.

## F.2. Largest Dual Eligible Health Plans By Estimated SMI Enrollment

- Alaska does not have any Medicare Advantage D-SNP or PACE plans. All individuals receive services through the Medicare FFS delivery system.

## F.3. Dual Eligible Medicaid Financing & Delivery System: Overview

- As of September 2023, dual eligible enrollment was 20,576.
- Medicare covers most acute services (which may include psychiatric care), while Medicaid, the payer of last resort, covers long-term services and supports (LTSS) and non-physician behavioral health services.
- Because Alaska does not have a managed care program, all dual eligible individuals receive Medicaid services through the Medicaid FFS system.

## F.4. Dual Eligible Medicaid Financing & Delivery System: New Initiatives

- Alaska does not have a dual eligible demonstration with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) at this time.

## G. Long-Term Services & Supports Financing & Service Delivery System

# G.1. LTSS Financing & Service Delivery System

- Alaska does not operate a MLTSS program

LTSS Medicaid System Characteristics	
Characteristics	Medicaid Managed Care
Enrollment	N/A
Estimated SMI Enrollment	N/A
Management	N/A
Payment Model	N/A
Geographic Service Area	N/A

**Total LTSS Enrollment: N/A | Total LTSS Enrollment With SMI: N/A**

\*LTSS stands for Long-Term Services & Supports

# G.1. Medicaid LTSS Service Delivery System Enrollment By Eligibility Group

Population	Mandatory FFS Enrollment	Option To Enroll In FFS Or Managed Care	Mandatory Managed Care Enrollment
Disabled adults	-	-	-
Disabled children	-	-	-
Blind individuals	-	-	-
Aged individuals	-	-	-
Dual eligibles	-	-	-
Individuals with I/DD	-	-	-
Individuals residing in nursing homes	-	-	-
Individuals residing in ICF/IDD	-	-	-
Other HCBS Recipients	-	-	-
Other populations	-	-	-

## G.2. LTSS Medicaid Financing & Delivery System: Overview

- Alaska does not offer MLTSS services and instead all individuals receive traditional services through the FFS system.

## G.3. Medicaid LTSS Program: Health Benefits

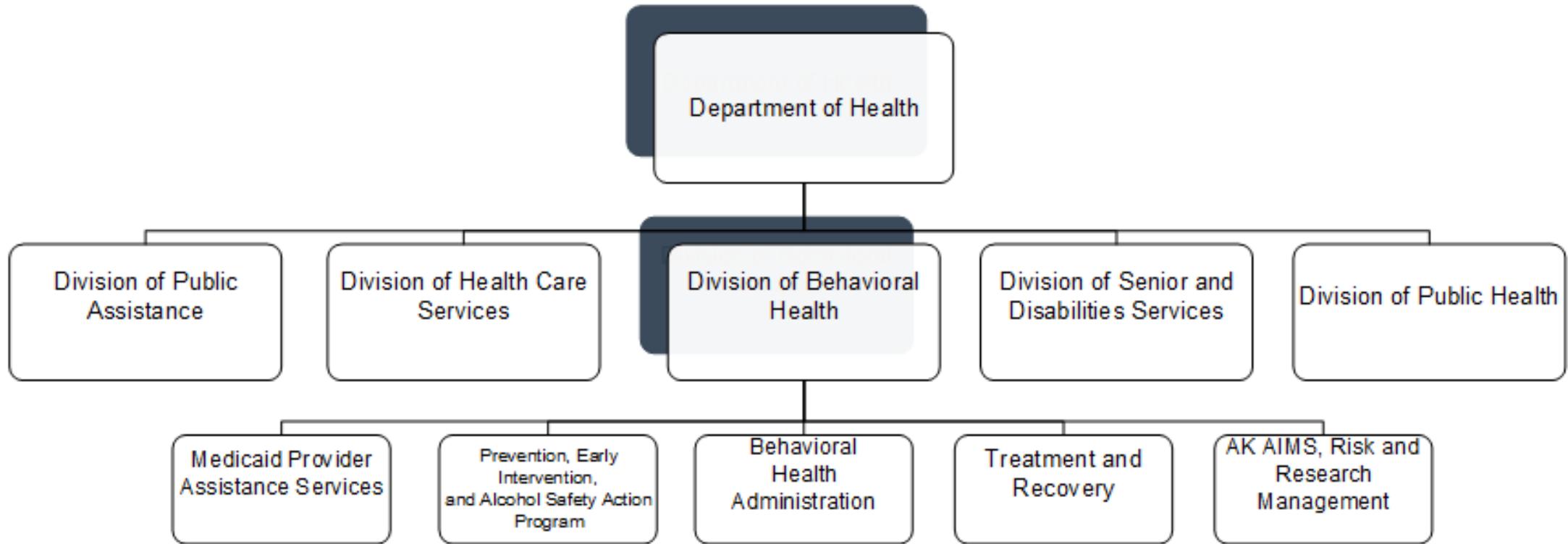
- Alaska does not offer MLTSS services and instead all services are the same as the FFS program.

## G.4. LTSS Medicaid Financing & Delivery System: New Initiatives

- Alaska has no pending initiatives that will influence the finance or delivery systems of the LTSS population.

## H. State Behavioral Health Administration & Finance System

# H.1. Division Of Behavioral Health: Organization Chart



# H.1. Division Of Behavioral Health: Key Leadership

Name	Position	Department	Email
Heidi Hedberg	Commissioner	Department of Health (DOH)	heidi.hedberg@alaska.gov
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Kathryn Chapman	Section Manager	DBH, Treatment and Recovery	kathryn.chapman@alaska.gov

## H.2. Division Of Behavioral Health: Budget

Budget Item	SFY 2025 Budget	Percent Of Budget
Behavioral Health Treatment Recovery Grants	\$49,152,200	55%
Behavioral Health Administration	\$23,608,300	26%
Behavioral Health Prevention and Early Intervention Grants	\$7,169,500	8%
Alcohol Safety Action Program	\$5,295,100	6%
Residential Child Care	\$3,153,100	4%
Alaska Mental Health/Alcohol & Drug Abuse Boards	\$1,058,600	1%
Suicide Prevention Council	\$638,700	1%
<b>Budget Total: \$90,075,500</b>		

## H.2. Division Of Behavioral Health: Budget Over Time



## H.3. State Psychiatric Institutions

<b>State Psychiatric Institutions</b>			
<b>Institution</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Beds</b>	<b>Bed Count as of January 2025</b>
Alaska Psychiatric Institute	Anchorage	60	53
Alaska Psychiatric Institute- Forensic	Anchorage	10	10

## H.4. Behavioral Health Safety-Net Delivery System

- The Division of Behavioral Health within DOH provides mental health and addiction treatment services to the uninsured population by contracting with a network of provider organizations.
- The provider organizations that provide mental health and addiction treatment services to the uninsured population receive funding through Community Behavioral Health Grants.
  - Funding is provided to individuals with mild to relatively severe mental health diagnoses that are unable to meet social or vocational obligations, but are not in need of life-threatening treatment or hospitalization. Additionally, the state is mandated to provide services to individuals with moderate to severe disorders that do not have access to private care due to geographic isolation or economic hardship.
- The services provided by these agencies include:
  - Outpatient, residential, and rehabilitation for adults with SMI or children with SED; emergency outpatient and residential crisis services; and outpatient treatment for adults and adolescents with behavioral health disorders.
- Tribal governments and organizations negotiate agreements with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service to provide physical and behavioral health services for Alaska Natives and Native Americans.

## H.5. Behavioral Health System: New Initiatives

- There are no new or pending initiatives currently.

# I. Appendices

# I.1. OPEN MINDS Estimates For Share Of SMI Consumers Per Payer/Plan

Enrollment Category	Serious Mental Illness (SMI) Prevalence Estimate	Source
Commercial	4.9% of the commercially insured population over age 18	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. (2022). Results from the 2023 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Mental Health detailed Tables. Retrieved December 2024 from <a href="https://www.samhsa.gov/data/sites/default/files/reports/rpt39441/NSDUHDetailedTabs2021/NSDUHDetailedTabs2021/NSDUHDetTabsSection6pe2021.htm#tab6.8a">https://www.samhsa.gov/data/sites/default/files/reports/rpt39441/NSDUHDetailedTabs2021/NSDUHDetailedTabs2021/NSDUHDetTabsSection6pe2021.htm#tab6.8a</a>
Medicaid	8.8% of persons enrolled in traditional Medicaid	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. (2022). Results from the 2023 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Mental Health detailed Tables. Retrieved December 2024 from <a href="https://www.samhsa.gov/data/sites/default/files/reports/rpt39441/NSDUHDetailedTabs2021/NSDUHDetailedTabs2021/NSDUHDetTabsSection6pe2021.htm#tab6.8a">https://www.samhsa.gov/data/sites/default/files/reports/rpt39441/NSDUHDetailedTabs2021/NSDUHDetailedTabs2021/NSDUHDetTabsSection6pe2021.htm#tab6.8a</a>
Medicare	22.7% of persons in the Medicare population, not dually eligible for Medicaid	Figueroa, J. F., Phelan, J., Orav, E. J., Patel, V., & Jha, A. K. (2020). Association of mental health disorders with health care spending in the Medicare population. Retrieved July 2023 from <a href="https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/276294#text=Results%20Of%204%20358%20975,had%20no%20known%20mental%20illness">https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/276294#text=Results%20Of%204%20358%20975,had%20no%20known%20mental%20illness</a>

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Enrollment Category	Serious Mental Illness (SMI) Prevalence Estimate	Source
<b>Medicare-Medicaid Dual Eligibility</b>	21% of persons in the Medicare population dually eligible for partial Medicaid benefits	ATI Advisory. (2022). A Profile of Medicare-Medicaid Dual Beneficiaries. Retrieved March 2023 from <a href="https://atiadvisory.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/A-Profile-of-Medicare-Medicaid-Dual-Beneficiaries.pdf">https://atiadvisory.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/A-Profile-of-Medicare-Medicaid-Dual-Beneficiaries.pdf</a>
	16% of persons in the Medicare population dually eligible for full Medicaid benefits	
<b>Other Public</b>	4.5% of persons served by the Veterans Administration health care system or the TRICARE military health system	U.S. Census Bureau (2023). Table HHI-01. Health Insurance Coverage Status and Type of Coverage--All Persons by Sex, Race and Hispanic Origin: 2017 to 2023. Retrieved March 2023 from <a href="https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/health-insurance/historical-series/hic.html">https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/health-insurance/historical-series/hic.html</a>
<b>No Health Care Insurance</b>	6.7% of uninsured persons over age 18	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. (2022). Results from the 2023 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Mental Health detailed Tables. Retrieved December 2024 from <a href="https://www.samhsa.gov/data/sites/default/files/reports/rpt39441/NSDUHDetailedTabs2021/NSDUHDetailedTabs2021/NSDUHDetailedTabsSect6pe2021.htm#tab6.8a">https://www.samhsa.gov/data/sites/default/files/reports/rpt39441/NSDUHDetailedTabs2021/NSDUHDetailedTabs2021/NSDUHDetailedTabsSect6pe2021.htm#tab6.8a</a>

## I.2. Glossary Of Terms

Word	Abbreviation	Definition
<b>Alternative Benefit Plan</b>	ABP	State designed benefit package for the Medicaid expansion population (childless adults with income below 138% of the FPL). The benefit package must include the ten essential benefits as laid out in the PPACA. The Medicaid expansion population deemed medically frail (including those with SMI) are exempt from receiving benefits through the ABP.
<b>Accountable Care Organizations</b>	ACO	ACOs are groups of provider organizations—such as physicians and hospital systems—that form an agreement to coordinate care for a set group of individuals. If the ACO delivers high quality care—measured through performance metrics—and lowers the cost of providing care against a baseline, then the organization receives a portion of the savings generated. ACOs can exist alongside all payment structures (fee-for-service and managed care delivery systems) and payers (Medicare, Medicaid, commercial).
<b>Administrative Services Organization</b>	ASO	An arrangement in which an organization hires a third party to deliver administrative services to the organization, such as claims processing and billing. The ASO is not at-risk.
<b>Capitation</b>		A set amount of money paid per enrollee per month to a health care entity to cover the cost of health care services. Capitation can cover the cost of all health care services or subset of services, such as care coordination or home- and community-based services.
<b>Carve-out</b>		A carve-out is a Medicaid managed care financing model where some portion of Medicaid benefits—dental services, pharmacy services, behavioral health services, etc.—are separately managed and/or financed. Carve-out services can be financed on an at-risk basis by another organization or retained by the state Medicaid agency on a fee-for-service basis.
<b>Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic</b>	CCBHC	Behavioral health clinics specially certified in a demonstration established by section 223 of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014. The clinics are designed to provide community-based mental health and addiction treatment services, to advance the integration of behavioral health with physical health care, and to provide care coordination across the full spectrum of health services.

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<b>Community Mental Health Center</b>	CMHC	An organization that can demonstrate that it is actively providing all services in section 1913(c)(1) of the Public Health Services Act, including a.) Outpatient services, including specialized outpatient services for children, the elderly, individuals who are chronically mentally ill, and residents of the CMHC's mental health service area who have been discharged from inpatient treatment at a mental health facility; b.) 24 hour-a-day emergency care services; c.) Day treatment, or other partial hospitalization services, or psychosocial rehabilitation services; and d.) Screening for patients being considered for admission to state mental health facilities to determine the appropriateness of such admission. Additionally, the organization must meet the specifications for the state where it provides services.
<b>Dual Eligible</b>		An individual who is eligible for Medicare (Part A and B) and Medicaid. Medicare serves as the individual's primary insurance, and Medicaid acts as a supplement. Dual eligibles are sometimes referred to as Medicare-Medicaid enrollees (MMEs).
<b>Federal Poverty Level</b>	FPL	The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services sets a standard level of income that is used to determine eligibility for services and benefits, including Medicaid. In 2025, the FPL is \$15,060 for an individual and \$31,200 for a family of four.
<b>Fee-For-Service</b>	FFS	A system where the payer, in this case Medicaid pays for providing care on a unit by unit basis. Health plans may also reimburse provider organizations on a FFS basis meaning they pay for each unit of care or test.
<b>Health Home</b>		A "whole person" care coordination model that specifically targets populations with chronic conditions including those with SMI. Health homes provide six essential functions: 1.) Comprehensive care management; 2.) Care coordination and health promotion; 3.) Comprehensive transitional care from inpatient to other settings, including appropriate follow-up; 4.) Individual and family support; 5.) Referral to community and social support services; 6.) Use of health information technology to link services. Health homes were originally developed as a Medicaid program; but since have been adopted by other payers. For a state to have an official health home program they must have an approved state plan amendment.

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<b>Health Insurance Marketplace</b>	HIM	Created by the PPACA, the health insurance marketplace is an online platform where individuals and small businesses can purchase health insurance. The federal government subsidizes coverage purchased on the marketplace through premium tax credits for individuals with income up to 400% of the FPL.
<b>Home- &amp; Community-Based Services</b>	HCBS	Long-term services and supports provided in the home or community in order to avoid institutionalization. Traditionally provided through 1915(c) waivers, HCBS services are usually limited to specific populations and a specific number of people. HCBS services include skilled nursing care, personnel care services, assistance with activities of daily living, and custodial care.
<b>Institutions For Mental Disease</b>	IMD	A hospital, nursing facility, or other institution of more than 16 beds that is primarily engaged in providing diagnosis, treatment, or care of persons with mental diseases, including addiction. Federal financial participation is available for Medicaid IMD services for individuals under the age of 21 and age 65 and over. In recent years, CMS has relaxed the rules prohibiting payments in IMDs for individuals age 21-64. Medicaid health plans may provide up to 15 days of IMD services per month in lieu of state plan services if medically appropriate, cost effective, and consented to by the individual. Additionally, states may be granted a 1115 waiver authority to allow individuals to receive addiction and mental health treatment in IMDs.
<b>Long-Term Services &amp; Supports</b>	LTSS	Services provided in the home, community, or institutional setting to those who experience difficulty living independently and completing activities of daily living as a result of cognitive disabilities, physical impairments, disabling chronic conditions, and/or age.
<b>Managed Care</b>		A health care delivery and financing system designed to manage cost, utilization, and quality. In Medicaid, states generally implement managed care through contracts with health plans, which provide a limited set of benefits to enrollees through a capitated or per person per month (PMPM) rate. The health plans generally assumes full-risk for the cost of treatment, and therefore contracts with a network of provider organizations to provide care at the most efficient rate possible while still maintaining member health.

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Medicaid		Medicaid is a joint federal-state program that provides health coverage to economically disadvantaged populations, such as low-income adults, children, and aged, blind, and disabled (ABD) individuals. States establish their own eligibility standards, benefit packages, provider payment policies, and administrative structures under broad federal guidelines. Financing is a shared responsibility of the federal government and the states.
Medicaid Waiver		Granted by CMS, waivers allow states to make temporary changes to their Medicaid program in order to test out new ways to deliver health coverage.
Medicaid Waiver Section 1115	1115 waiver	Known as research and demonstration waivers, states can apply for program flexibility to test new or existing approaches to financing and delivering Medicaid and CHIP.
Medicaid Waiver Section 1915(b)	1915(b) waiver	States can apply for waivers to provide services through managed care delivery systems, or otherwise limit an individual's choice of health plan or provider organization.
Medicaid Waiver Section 1915(c)	1915(c) waiver	States can apply for waivers to provide long-term care services in home- and community-based settings, rather than institutional settings.
Medical Home		A medical home is not a physical place, but a model for care coordination. Medical homes provide primary care services, care coordination, enhanced access to care, and care that is culturally and linguistically appropriate. Medical homes exist across multiple payers.
Medicare		Federal health insurance for individuals over the age of 65, individuals with certain disabilities, and individuals with end stage renal disease. Medicare covers most acute care services (which may include psychiatric care), but does not cover LTSS or non-physician behavioral health services.
Medicare Advantage	MA	Medicare Part C - also known as Medicare Advantage - is a program which allows individuals who are eligible for Medicare Parts A and B to elect a private health plan to provide their Medicare coverage. The federal government pays the plan's premiums up to a set level, and individuals are responsible for the difference.

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<b>Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plan</b>	SNP	A special type of Medicare Advantage plan that is designed to provide targeted coordinated care to individuals who are a) institutionalized; b) dual eligible; and/or c) meet the severe chronic disabled conditions set forth by CMS. Plans emphasize improved care primarily through continuity of care and care coordination.
<b>Medicare Part A</b>		Hospital Insurance: Covers hospital, skilled nursing care, hospice, and home health care for most eligible individuals at no cost. Financed through payroll tax and deductibles, copayments are only charged if a stay becomes long-term.
<b>Medicare Part B</b>		Supplementary Medical Insurance: Covers most outpatient services, and consumers pay a premium based on income level.
<b>Medicare Part C</b>		Medicare Part C - also known as Medicare Advantage - is a program which allows individuals who are eligible for Medicare Parts A and B to elect a private health plan to provide their Medicare coverage. The federal government pays the plan's premiums up to a set level, and individuals are responsible for the difference.
<b>Medicare Part D</b>		Outpatient Prescription Drug Benefit: Private plans contract with Medicare to provide coverage for prescription drugs. Most consumers pay premiums based on their income.
<b>Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>	MSA	An urbanized area with a population of at least 50,000 plus adjacent territory that has a high degree of social and economic integration as measured by commuting ties.
<b>Patient-Centered Medical Home</b>	PCMH	See Medical Home.
<b>Patient Protection &amp; Affordable Care Act</b>	PPACA or ACA	U.S. health care reform signed into law in 2010. The legislation regulates certain aspects of private and public health insurance programs and authorizes an individual mandate to secure essential health coverage, premium tax credits for the purchase of private health insurance, and increased insurance coverage of preexisting conditions. In 2012 the Supreme Court ruled that state participation is optional for provisions of the law expanding Medicaid coverage to adults ages 18 to 64 with incomes under 138% of the FPL. In 2017, Congress repealed the tax penalties associated with the individual mandate essentially ending the mandate.

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Word	Abbreviation	Definition
<b>Primary Care Case Management</b>	PCCM	A health care delivery system model with limited utilization and cost control. Under the PCCM model, Medicaid enrollees choose a primary care physician who acts as a gatekeeper for more intensive services. The primary care physician generally receives a per person per month (PMPM) fee for care coordination, and is reimbursed fee-for-service for all medical services provided.
<b>Program Of All Inclusive Care For The Elderly</b>	PACE	PACE serves populations over the age of 55 who are eligible for skilled nursing home care by utilizing a comprehensive delivery system of social, medical, and long-term care services to keep enrollees in the community for as long as possible. PACE is an optional state Medicaid program, and may only be available in certain states, or regions within states.
<b>Serious Mental Illness</b>	SMI	A mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder that lasts for a sufficient duration of time and causes impairment of major life activities. Serious mental illnesses include major depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD), panic disorder, post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and borderline personality disorder.
<b>Supported Employment</b>		Provides services and supports to help individuals with disabilities become employed in an integrated or competitive work environment, and retain that employment.
<b>Supported Housing</b>		Housing provided for as long as needed at little or no cost to individuals with mental illness, or other vulnerable populations who are homeless or at-risk for homelessness. Mental health and social services are offered to participants, but are not a condition for participation in the program. The goal is to allow individuals to live as self-sufficient, independent lives as possible.
<b>Value-Based Reimbursement</b>	VBR	Reimbursement model in which payers financially reward or penalize health care provider organizations for performance on quality and cost of care. VBR payment mechanisms include P4P; capitation; shared savings models; shared risk models; and payments based on clinically-defined episodes, called episodes of care or bundled payments.

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