

Update to Minnesota COVID-19 ECHO

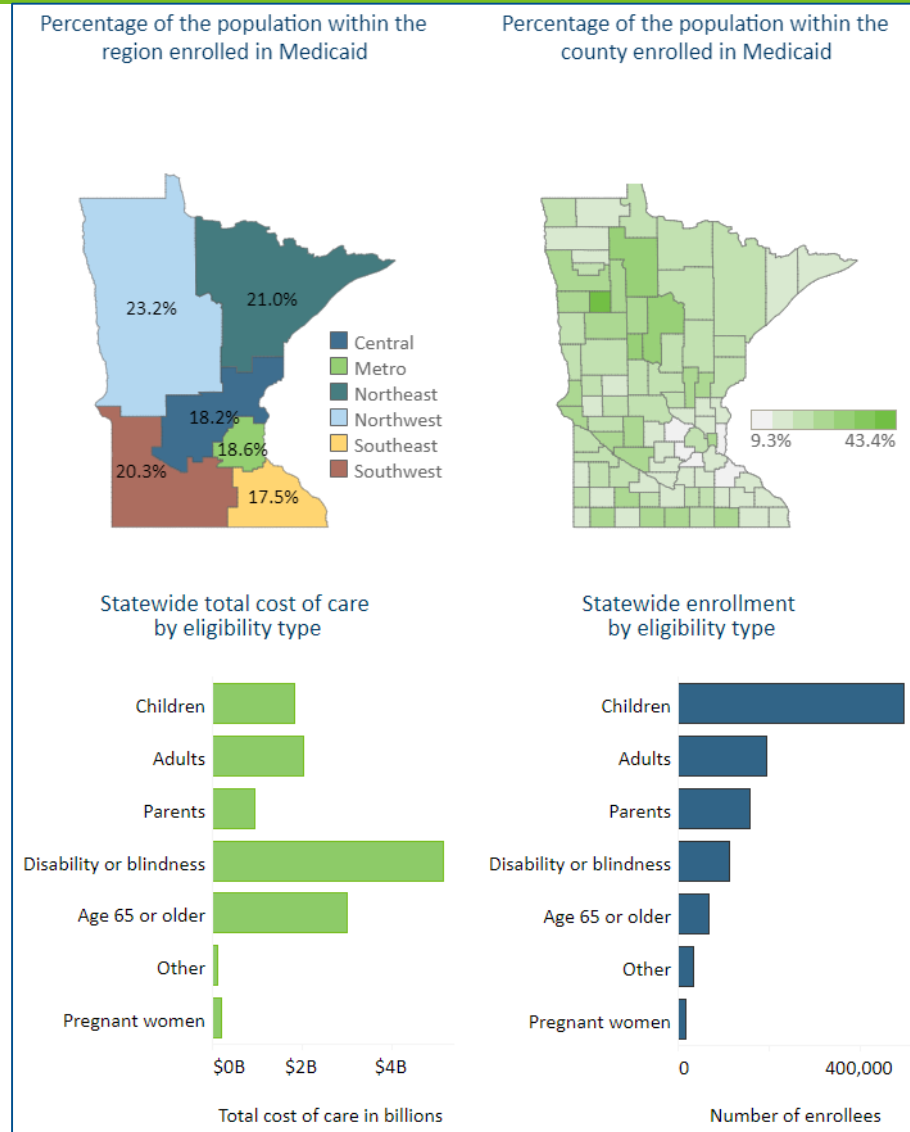
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New Medicaid Medical Director



- 1st generation Cameroonian-American
- Grew up in Eden Prairie, have lived in Minneapolis for last 15 years
- Miami University (Oxford, OH) for college (Zoology)
- University of Minnesota for Medical School and Residency
 - Combined Internal Medicine & Pediatrics
 - Pediatric Chief Resident
- Practice at Park Nicollet Brooklyn Center
- Founding member of MN Doctors for Health Equity
- Former member of the Governor's Early Learning Council

Medicaid/MA Coverage in Minnesota



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1 IN 5 MINNESOTANS



COVID-19 challenges and Minnesota Medicaid response

- Structural Barriers

- Uninsured
- Health literacy
- Mental health services
- Substance use disorder treatment
- Prenatal, maternal and pediatric primary care
- Disability care

	State Plan Amendment	1915(c) Appendix K	1135
Eligibility/ Enrollment	√	√	√
Cost Sharing	√		
Benefits	√	√	√
Reimbursement	√	√	
Service Delivery		√	

Minnesota Medicaid changes in response to COVID-19

- Maintained coverage
- No cost-sharing for COVID-19 testing and treatment for enrollees
- Free COVID-19 testing for many uninsured Minnesotans
- Expanded telemedicine
- 90-day supplies of prescription maintenance medications
- Allowed phone and video visits for some case management services



Ongoing COVID-19 challenges for Minnesota Medicaid

- Vaccination rates
- Telemedicine changes
- Reaching communities in need

HF 105/SF 99	Federal Public Health Emergency	Extended to June 30 th , 2021
Maintaining/Continuous coverage	✓	
No cost-sharing for COVID-19 testing and treatment for enrollees	✓	
Free COVID-19 testing for many uninsured Minnesotans	✓	
Telemedicine Changes	✓	✓
Home & Community based Services	✓	✓

Ongoing COVID-19 challenges for Minnesota Medicaid

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Health care coverage

Many Minnesota families face difficult times due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It may be hard to pay for health care along with all of the other bills. If you or someone you know doesn't have health insurance or has been laid off from work or had work hours cut, help may be available.

Need health care coverage >>



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Free COVID-19 testing

If you're uninsured

Many uninsured Minnesotans can get tested for COVID-19 at no cost to them during the federal public health emergency. To get free coverage for testing, you must:

- Be a resident of Minnesota
- Be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national or lawfully present noncitizen with an immigration status that qualifies for Medical Assistance.
- Provide your Social Security number unless you meet an exception for not having one.
- Not be enrolled in any other health insurance.

If you have Medical Assistance or MinnesotaCare

If you get your health care coverage through Medical Assistance or MinnesotaCare, you pay no cost-sharing, including co-pays or deductibles, for the diagnosis, testing and treatment of COVID-19.



<https://mn.gov/dhs/health-care-coverage/>

Thank You



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