

About Medicaid Managed Care

Medicaid in Oklahoma

Medicaid plays a vital role in Oklahoma serving individuals facing economic and social barriers, providing expanded benefits and services to improve their health and well-being. SoonerCare, Oklahoma's Medicaid program, covers 918,000 Oklahomans and helps them access healthcare.²

Medicaid: A State and Federal Program

Although the federal government provides general regulations for states to follow, states ultimately create a Medicaid program that best serves their citizens. The state of Oklahoma determines who is eligible for the Medicaid program and how the program delivers services. In 2021, the federal government will pay 74% of all Medicaid costs* in Oklahoma, while the state will pay the remaining costs.²

Implementing Medicaid Through a Modern Managed Care Partnership

States partner with managed care organizations (MCOs) to administer Medicaid benefits, customizing this partnership to address what their state needs most.

To learn more about Medicaid in Oklahoma and managed care programs, please visit ALookAtTheNumbers.com/OK.

69%

of all Medicaid beneficiaries receive their care through MCOs.³

40 states

currently partner with MCOs to help administer Medicaid.³



Competitive Contracting

MCOs are selected through a competitive bidding process, and the state chooses the best MCOs to meet their needs.



Oversight and Accountability

MCOs are regularly reviewed by state and federal agencies and by the National Committee on Quality Assurance (NCQA) on up to 69 quality measures.⁴



Quality Strategies

States develop quality initiatives and work with MCOs to ensure the program meets quality goals. MCOs improved their performance on 87% of key HEDIS and CAHPS quality measures between 2014 and 2018.⁵



Health Outcomes

Modern managed care incentivizes access to and the use of primary care services, in order to improve overall health outcomes for the Medicaid population. In Kansas, the use of primary care services has gone up 45%.⁶



Access to Care

States can implement access requirements, including time and distance standards. This helps maintain the inclusivity of provider networks, including rural areas. Florida doubled the number of Medicaid primary care providers in each network.⁷



Promoting Preventive Care

MCOs prioritize preventive care, which helps members get the right care at the right time. This is vital in Oklahoma, which ranks 49th among states in avoidable hospital use and cost.⁸

*How much the federal government contributes is a three-year average of per capita personal income in the state, the federal match can go up or down depending on the economy.