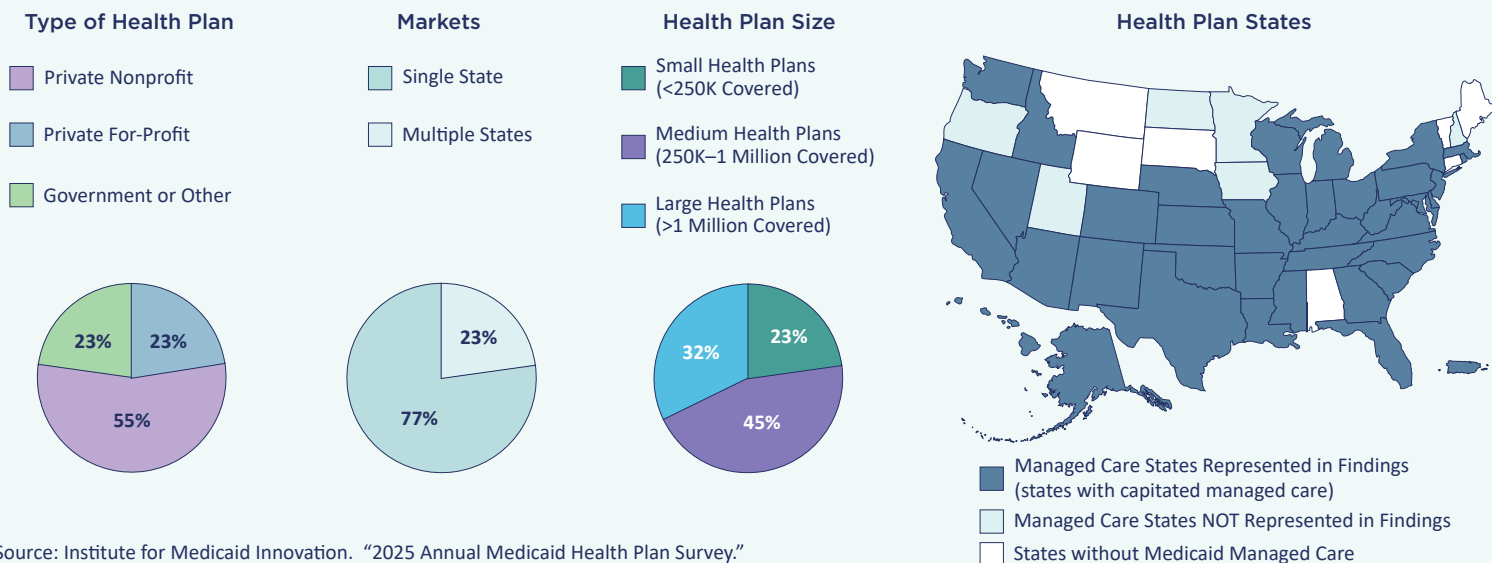




Annual Medicaid Managed Care Organization Survey Child and Adolescent Health

Demographics

In its eighth year, the 2025 survey findings represent health plan data from almost every state with Medicaid managed care. The annual survey collected information at the parent company and corporate levels and is intended to equip Medicaid stakeholders with the information needed to accurately articulate the national narrative about Medicaid managed care. The survey respondents are representative of the national demographics of all Medicaid health plans.



Source: Institute for Medicaid Innovation. "2025 Annual Medicaid Health Plan Survey."

Barriers That Medicaid Health Plans Encountered When Serving Children

85%	Engaging family members to address social determinants of health		70%	Program fragmentation	
80%	Coordinating with departments of child services or departments of juvenile justice for children engaged with child welfare or juvenile justice systems		65%	Carved-out benefits	
80%	Families express lack of transportation to health care location		65%	Churn (member or eligibility-related)	
80%	Language barriers		60%	Barriers related to the child welfare system	
75%	Other unmet social needs expressed by families		60%	Families express inability to access telehealth	
70%	Engaging family members who are not enrolled in the health plan		60%	Immigration status of parents or caregivers	
70%	Identifying and coordinating with schools (e.g., unable to get documentation of care provided at schools)		35%	Federal policies	
70%	Inability finding needed health care providers or beds		35%	State policies	
			20%	Other	

Source: Institute for Medicaid Innovation. "2025 Annual Medicaid Health Plan Survey."

Notes: **Other** includes reimbursement rates for Medicaid, member engagement, no claims for school services, lack of affordable housing, higher food costs, and inability to locate adequate shift care nursing. No health plans selected "None."



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of Medicaid health plans cover child and adolescent comprehensive obesity treatment inclusive of intensive behavioral interventions, pharmacology, and metabolic and bariatric surgery.

Source: Institute for Medicaid Innovation. "2025 Annual Medicaid Health Plan Survey."

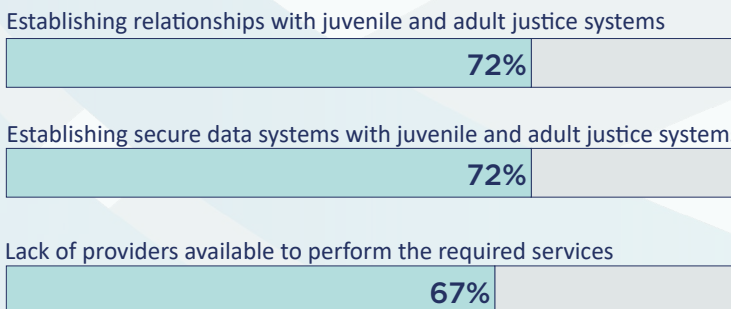
How Medicaid Agencies Could Further Assist Medicaid Health Plans in Addressing Child and Adolescent Health

Improve data sharing between government agencies (e.g., child welfare system, criminal justice system) and health plans	84%
Improve data sharing between health plans and community-based organizations	79%
Champion policies to facilitate data sharing between payers and providers	74%
Improve the quality of data shared between state and health plans	74%
Improve data sharing between health plans and provider groups	68%
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Provide better education for providers on state and health plan expectations for child and adolescent health initiatives	68%
Increase technical assistance resources	63%
Streamline data sharing between providers and community-based organizations	63%
Increase resources to support the facilitation of partnerships	58%
Carve in school-based services to managed care	53%
Facilitate contracting with community-based organizations	53%

Source: Institute for Medicaid Innovation. "2025 Annual Medicaid Health Plan Survey."

Notes: Five percent (5%) of health plans reported "Other." No specifics were shared. No health plans selected "States cannot provide further assistance."

Medicaid Health Plans' Barriers When Implementing Targeted Case Management, Screening, and Diagnostic Services for Incarcerated Children and Youth After Adjudication



Medicaid Health Plans' Barriers to Addressing Child and Adolescent Obesity

79%	Families express barriers accessing treatment (e.g., transportation, childcare, work schedules)	
47%	Lack of coverage for obesity medication-based treatment options	
47%	Lack of policies or structure that supports coverage of pediatric dieticians	
42%	Carved-out benefits	
42%	Lack of coverage for school physical activities	
42%	Lack of specialty care providers	
37%	Lack of ancillary services such as nutritionists	
37%	Lack of payment structure to allow for coordination of treatment among different providers	
37%	Lack of screening and support for families with food and nutrition insecurity	
37%	Program fragmentation	
32%	State policies	
16%	Federal policies	
16%	Other	
5%	We do not experience any barriers	

Source: Institute for Medicaid Innovation. "2025 Annual Medicaid Health Plan Survey."

Note: **Other** includes decreased recess time for children in school, lack of opportunities for gym membership, lack of affordable and convenient healthy food options, and unreasonable income limits for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Source: Institute for Medicaid Innovation. "2025 Annual Medicaid Health Plan Survey."

Notes: **Other** includes processes to properly identify members. Six percent (6%) of health plans selected "None."