



2026 Annual Medicaid MCO Survey

Survey #1: Health Plan Demographics

You can complete this survey by:

- registering via our **secure web-based platform**, or
- filling out the PDF and emailing it to MCOSurvey@MedicaidInnovation.org

Each year, the Institute for Medicaid Innovation (IMI)'s annual Medicaid managed care survey is developed, piloted, refined, and finalized in partnership with health plans, researchers, clinicians, and policymakers. IMI's primary goal is to equip partners and stakeholders with the information they need to accurately articulate the national narrative about the Medicaid program and managed care. The previous reports can be accessed through the IMI website at www.medicaidinnovation.org.

New Process for 2026: Three Brief Surveys

This year, in an effort to streamline the survey, we are **pivoting from one long 200+ question survey to three very brief surveys** that are aligned with salient Medicaid policy topics. The new process will be more simplified for respondents, resulting in more rapid release of results throughout the year. The three very brief surveys for 2026 will include:

	Survey #1	Survey #2	Survey #3
Survey Topic:	Health Plan Demographics	Behavioral & Mental Health	Pharmacy & High-Cost Drugs
Number of Questions:	9	~ 10	~ 10
Emailed to Health Plans:	February 13th	May 13th	September 11th
Completed Survey Due:	March 13th	June 12th	October 9th

Protection of Survey Data

IMI takes several steps to safeguard the data collected from health plans. Only IMI research staff have access to the survey data. All IMI staff have received extensive training in research ethics, data protection, confidentiality, and privacy. As with all IMI surveys, we aggregate the reported findings from the analysis as a composite to ensure the protection of health plan-level identifiable data. For variables with a small sample size, findings will not be reported. Finally, no findings are released without the review and approval of the IMI survey national advisory committee, composed of Medicaid health plan representatives.

Finally, your ongoing support of the annual Medicaid managed care survey is appreciated. Thank you in advance for sharing this information with your health plan and others.

Have questions or ideas? Please contact the project team at MCOSurvey@MedicaidInnovation.org.

Contact Information

IMI staff will use the following information for the purpose of clarifying survey responses, if needed.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Name of your health plan: _____

Please select the option that best represents your health plan.

Parent organization

Individual market

General Information

Definitions and Acronyms

- **MCO**—Managed care organization.

Please respond to the following items at the **parent organizational level** for **only the Medicaid product line**.

1. What type of health plan is your parent organization?

Private, for profit

Private, nonprofit

Government

Other, specify: _____

2. In what year did your health plan begin managing Medicaid programs in your market(s)?

3. How many individuals are currently enrolled in your Medicaid health plan in all contracts and markets?

4. Does your Medicaid health plan prioritize employing people with lived experience (e.g., individuals with current or past enrollment in Medicaid or caregivers with experience)?

Yes

No

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Other, specify: _____

5. Does your organization currently have Medicaid contracts in...?

Multiple states

Single state

6. Please select the state(s) where you currently have Medicaid contracts (check all that apply).

Alabama	Illinois	Montana	Puerto Rico
Alaska	Indiana	Nebraska	Rhode Island
Arizona	Iowa	Nevada	South Carolina
Arkansas	Kansas	New Hampshire	South Dakota
California	Kentucky	New Jersey	Tennessee
Colorado	Louisiana	New Mexico	Texas
Connecticut	Maine	New York	Utah
DC	Maryland	North Carolina	Vermont
Delaware	Massachusetts	North Dakota	Virginia
Florida	Michigan	Ohio	Washington
Georgia	Minnesota	Oklahoma	West Virginia
Hawaii	Mississippi	Oregon	Wisconsin
Idaho	Missouri	Pennsylvania	Wyoming

7. Given the end of the redetermination process, shifting member acuity, and the other programmatic changes, were capitation rates in 2025 adequate for expenses?

Rates were adequate

Rates were inadequate

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8. Did your health plan receive any rate adjustments or additional funding from state(s) in calendar year 2025 or 2026 to account for 2026 rates?

Yes

No

9. Approximately how long did it take you to complete this survey (in minutes)?

Thank you for completing the survey.

Please return your completed survey to the Survey Project Team at MCOSurvey@MedicaidInnovation.org by March 13, 2026.