

# Idaho Medicaid Plus (IMPlus) FAQ's

---

## What is Idaho Medicaid Plus?

Idaho Medicaid Plus is a plan for dual eligible beneficiaries that coordinates most of their Medicaid benefits through a health plan.

## Why does Idaho have the Idaho Medicaid Plus?

Medicaid had legislative direction to find a solution for the high cost of Duals' healthcare. Dual eligible individuals make up 10% of Idaho's Medicaid population but require over one third (1/3) of the Medicaid budget. In addition, the typical dual eligible individual has more than four times the expenditures than Medicare-only beneficiaries. Idaho is joining most of states across the US implementing innovative solutions to coordinate benefits and manage costs.

## Who Are "Duals?"

Dual eligible individuals are 21 years of age or older and receive both Medicare (Parts A, B and D) and Enhanced Medicaid coverage. There are approximately 27,000 Duals individuals in the state of Idaho.

## Is enrollment into Idaho Medicaid Plus mandatory?

Yes, Idaho Duals that live in one of the assigned counties and have not enrolled in the Idaho Medicare Medicaid Coordinated Plan (MMCP) will be required to be enrolled into Idaho Medicaid Plus. There are some groups of people who are excluded from mandatory enrollment, including Tribal members, pregnant women, and individuals on the Adult Developmental Disabilities Waiver program.

## What counties are mandatory

The table below outlines the counties that already have Idaho Medicaid Plus available and the counties that will be implemented after IDHW ensures successful implementation into existing counties:

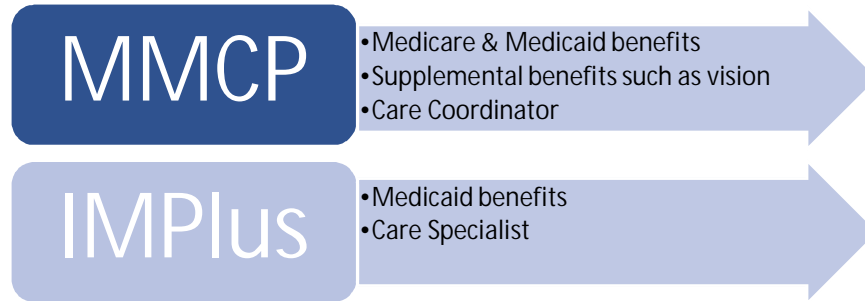
COUNTIES	EFFECTIVE DATE
Twin Falls	November 1, 2018
Bannock, Bonneville & Bingham	April 1, 2019
Bonner, Kootenai & Nez Perce	June 1, 2019
Ada & Canyon	August 1, 2019

## What programs are available for Idaho Duals?

Idaho Duals that live in the assigned counties have two choices for Medicaid programs:

- Medicare Medicaid Coordinated Plan (MMCP) – this is a voluntary program that manages Medicare and Medicaid benefits

- Idaho Medicaid Plus – this is a mandatory program that manages Medicaid benefits



## What is the difference between the MMCP and Idaho Medicaid Plus?

	MMCP	Idaho Medicaid Plus
Medicare Included	Yes	No
Mandatory Enrollment	No	Yes
Premium	No	No
Participant Choice	Yes	Yes
Available Today	Yes	Twin Falls, Bannock, Bingham, Bonneville, Nez Perce, Bonner, Kootenai. Ada and Canyon coming in August 2019
Care Coordination	Yes	Yes
Supplemental Benefits	Yes	No
Plan Choices	Blue Cross of Idaho or Molina Healthcare of Idaho	Blue Cross of Idaho or Molina Healthcare of Idaho

## What benefits do these programs cover?

Medicare Medicaid Coordinated Plan	Idaho Medicaid Plus
<p>The MMCP covers all medically-necessary and preventive services covered under Medicare Part A, Part B, and Part D prescription drug coverage as well as additional services covered by Medicaid, including:</p> <p>Hospital, Medical, Prescription drugs, Behavioral Health, Nursing Home, Aged &amp; Disabled (A&amp;D) Waiver, Personal Care Services, Targeted Service Coordination, Community Based Rehabilitation Service as well as Care Coordination</p>	<p>Idaho Medicaid Plus covers all medically necessary Medicaid benefits including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hospital costs after Medicare payment</li> <li>▪ Medical costs after Medicare payment</li> <li>▪ Behavioral Health, including Community-Based Rehabilitation Services</li> <li>▪ Nursing Home after Medicare payment</li> <li>▪ Aged &amp; Disabled (A&amp;D) Waiver</li> <li>▪ Personal Care Services</li> <li>▪ Care Specialist</li> </ul>

*Developmental Disability Services, Medical Transportation and Dental are all available through Idaho Medicaid	
--	--

## Who administers the MMCP and Idaho Medicaid Plus?

Idaho has two health plans that administer the MMCP and Idaho Medicaid Plus;

Blue Cross of Idaho and Molina Healthcare of Idaho

## What Medicaid services does Idaho Medicaid Plus cover?

Idaho Medicaid Plus covers all medically necessary Medicaid benefits, including:

- Hospital costs after Medicare payment
- Medical costs after Medicare payment
- Behavioral Health, including Community-Based Rehabilitation Services
- Nursing Home after Medicare payment
- Aged & Disabled (A&D) Waiver
- Personal Care Services

## I am a Provider, who do I bill for services?

Providers should bill Medicare for all Medicare primary services and bill either Blue Cross of Idaho or Molina Healthcare of Idaho (depending on who the member is enrolled with) for any Medicaid services. Basically, the health plans will be the payers instead of Idaho Medicaid.

## Does Idaho Medicaid Plus have Care Coordinators?

Idaho Medicaid Plus will offer Care Specialists as a supplemental benefit. That means that members will have a single point of contact to serve as their advocate to help them navigate their Medicaid services. The Care Specialists will be available by telephone to the member and their family, physicians, or anyone that works directly with the member.

## Do I get to choose which Health Plan I want to enroll with?

YES! Idaho Duals will have the opportunity to select either Molina Healthcare of Idaho or Blue Cross of Idaho for their Idaho Medicaid Plus plan. Duals have ninety (90) days before the program effective date to select a health plan and an additional ninety (90) days after the effective date of their program to change their health plan. After the initial enrollment period there will be an Annual Open Enrollment (October 15 through December 7) in which Duals can change plans if they would like to.

