

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:

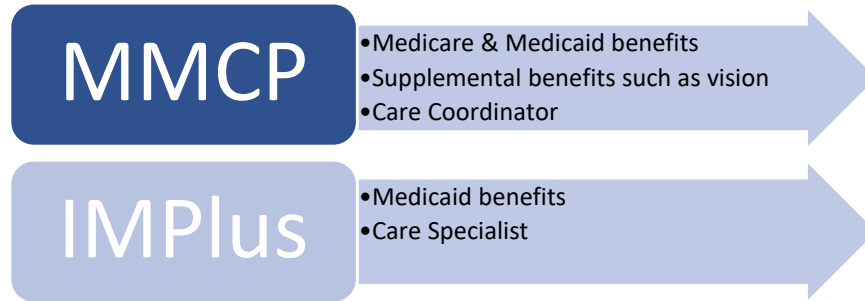
COUNTIES	EFFECTIVE DATE
Twin Falls	November 1, 2018
Bannock, Bonneville & Bingham	April 1, 2019
Bonner, Kootenai & Nez Perce	June 1, 2019
Ada & Canyon	August 1, 2019

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.
Care Coordination	Yes	Yes
Supplemental Benefits	Yes	No
Plan Choices	Blue Cross of Idaho <i>or</i> Molina Healthcare of Idaho	Blue Cross of Idaho <i>or</i> 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 & Disabled (A&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"> ▪ 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 ▪ Care Specialist

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

IMPlus Enrollment Timeline

Day 1-90 – Newly eligible

Members have 90 days to select an Idaho Medicaid Plus health plan with Blue Cross of Idaho or Molina Health Care of Idaho.

Day 91-180 – IMPlus coverage begins, members have 90 days to make a change to their enrollment.

Open Enrollment is October 15th- December 7th. Enrollment changes will go into effect January 1st.



Remember!

- Newly Eligible Duals may request to start their IMPlus program sooner than 90 days. If requested the effective date would be for the first of the come up month.

Does this mean I am losing Idaho Medicaid?

Absolutely not! What this means is that as a Dual your Medicaid services will be managed by a health insurance company (**Blue Cross of Idaho** or **Molina Healthcare of Idaho**.) You will receive an insurance card from the health plan as well as all other enrollee materials. Some Medicaid services will remain “carved-out,” meaning they will still be covered the way they are today. Your medical transportation services will still be administered by MTM and your dental benefits will be administered by MCNA.

What if I don’t want to choose a Health Plan for Idaho Medicaid Plus?

If you don’t want to select a plan, it’s no problem. Idaho Medicaid will automatically assign you to one of the plans.

How do I enroll in Idaho Medicaid Plus?

Duals will receive an enrollment letter with a form in the mail. There are two ways in which to enroll:

1. Mail the enrollment form in the pre-addressed envelope.
2. Call Idaho Department of Health & Welfare @ (833) 814-8568 and our benefit specialists will be happy to enroll you in the plan of your choice.

Can I call the health plan to enroll in Idaho Medicaid Plus?

No, you must enroll with IDHW. You can call (833) 814-8568.

