

Medicaid Global Spending Cap Report

April 2022 through March 2023 Quarterly Report

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Overview

The Department of Health (DOH) and the Division of the Budget (DOB) report that spending for the FY 2023 Medicaid Global Spending Cap was \$8 million (-0.03%) below the \$26.2 billion target.

The Medicaid Global Spending Cap increased from \$22.3 billion in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 to \$26.1 billion in FY 2023, a net increase of \$3.9 billion, which reflects an update as a part of the FY 2024 Executive Budget Financial Plan to increase the Medicaid Global Cap index allowable growth metric, from 4.7 percent to 5.8 percent. The FY 2023 Enacted Budget included the modification of the Global Cap metric moving from the 10-year rolling average of the medical component of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to the 5-year rolling average of the Medicaid annual growth rate within the National Health Expenditure Accounts produced by the Office of the Actuary in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Overall, the year to year increase on \$3.9 billion primarily includes the updated Global Cap index growth of \$1.2 billion (\$224M additional growth above Enacted); increased costs for minimum wage rate adjustments (\$262M), including the FY 2023 Enacted Budget Home Care minimum wage increases (\$363M), which is offset by Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) (-\$363M); and the annual change in COVID-19 eFMAP (\$2.5 billion).

DOH Medicaid Spending Outside the Medicaid Global Cap Index:

(\$ millions)	FY22	FY23	\$ Change
Medicaid Global Cap Index	\$20,572	\$21,762	\$1,190
Medicaid Local Growth Takeover	\$1,465	\$1,648	\$183
Minimum Wage	\$1,961	\$2,223	\$262
Home Care Minimum Wage	\$0	\$363	\$363
Use of HCBS eFMAP	\$0	(\$363)	(\$363)
Medicaid Administration/Other	\$643	\$387	(\$256)
Health Conversion For-Profit Tax	\$261	\$261	\$0
Federal Health Care Reform	(\$120)	(\$120)	\$0
COVID eFMAP*	(\$2,487)	\$0	\$2,487
DOH Medicaid w/ Essential Plan	\$22,295	\$26,161	\$3,866

^{*}Additional COVID eFMAP passing through the Mental Hygiene Stabilization Fund. COVID eFMAP results in a cost shift from State to Federal funds, and does not result in a Medicaid program reduction.

No additional changes were made to the FY 2023 Global Spending Cap Target between the Financial Plan's FY 2024 Executive Budget and the FY 2024 Enacted Budget. The following chart breaks out the projected major components of the annual increase including higher costs associated with both price and utilization.



https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Statistics-Trends-and Reports/NationalHealthExpendData/NationalHealthAccountsProjected

Price (\$2.0B): Components of price growth include:

- Trend increases for Mainstream Managed Care rates (\$687M);
- Trend decreases for Long Term Managed Care rates (-\$88M);
- Directed Payment Template (DPT) payments to provide funding increases to financially distressed providers (\$654M);
- Home Care Minimum Wage (\$363M); and
- Various increases for Fee-for-Service (FFS) rates (\$354M).

<u>Utilization (\$1.2B)</u>: The Medicaid Global Cap assumed that Medicaid enrollment was projected to increase by 214,000 New Yorkers or 2.8 percent, increasing from 7.6 million enrollees as of March 2022 to 7.8 million enrollees by March 2023. This increase was in large part due to the extension of the COVID-19 pandemic public health emergency (PHE).² Due to the maintenance of effort requirements under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), which had precluded most forms of involuntary disenrollment from Medicaid (e.g., eligibility redeterminations), and attendant loss of employer-sponsored coverage or changes in income, there was continued growth in Medicaid enrollment through the end of the fiscal year. Components of utilization growth projections included:

- Mainstream Managed Care enrollment including HIV Special Needs Plans (SNPs) & Health and Recovery Plans (HARPs) were projected to increase by approximately 157,000 individuals from March 2022 through the end of March 2023.
- Long Term Managed Care enrollment was projected to increase 29,000 individuals (10.1 percent); and
- Utilization of services was expected to partially, but slowly, return to pre-COVID-19 levels in acute care, nursing homes, and transportation fee-for-service categories of spending. However due to the extension of the PHE, the total number of FFS recipients were expected to increase by 28,000.

<u>Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) II/One-Timers/Other (\$669M):</u> MRT budget actions, one-time costs/savings, or other payments that do not fall into price or utilization primarily include:

- Additional investments allocated to several groups of hospitals to support operating needs while provides implemented pandemic transformation plans (\$800M);
- Health Care and Direct Care Workers Bonuses (\$1.1B);
- Increases to Medicaid operating rates across-the-board (ATB) by an additional 1 percent to respond to market needs and compete in the labor market to attract qualified workers (\$318M);
- Restoration of the 1.5 percent ATB payment reduction that was originally effectuated on April 2, 2020 (\$141M);
- Allocated pools for distressed hospitals and nursing homes (\$200M);
- Home Care Minimum Wage HCBS eFMAP Offset (-\$363M);
- Timing of recoupments of VAPAP State-only advances related to DPT payment delays (\$712M);

² As of the date of this report, the PHE expired at the end of the day on May 11, 2023.

- Supplemental Federal Revenue (i.e., 6% eFMAP) for Community First Choice Option (CFCO) services to
 expand home and community-based services and supports to individuals in need of long term care for
 help with everyday activities and health-related tasks that can be performed by an aide or direct care
 worker (-\$1.2B); and
- Health Care and Direct Care Workers Bonuses Offset with Financial Plan General Fund resources (-\$1.1B).

Projected Medicaid Spending (Medicaid Claims, Supplemental Programs & Offsets)

The \$26.2 billion projected Medicaid State Funds Spending can be organized into three major components:

- (1) <u>Medicaid Claims:</u> Health care provider claim spending reflects the cost of FFS care and Managed Care capitation payments based on the price and utilization of services by sector (i.e., categories of spending) of the Medicaid program (e.g., hospitals, nursing homes, managed care, long-term care, pharmacy, transportation, etc.). These payments occur weekly <u>within</u> the Medicaid claiming system (eMedNY).
 - Projections for most categories of spending begin with the number of eligible recipients reported at the end of the previous fiscal year and the average spending per recipient for that period. Adjustments to spending projections are then made for anticipated rate (i.e., price) changes, transitions of populations/benefits to managed care (if any), fluctuations in the amount and type of service units (i.e., utilization), and any non-recurring or one-time payments/credits.
- (2) **Supplemental Programs:** Payments through administrative or intergovernmental financial mechanisms occur **outside** the eMedNY billing system, such as Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH), Upper Payment Limit (UPL), Medicare Clawback Part D, Medicare Supplemental Medical Insurance (SMI) Part A/B, Medicaid Local District Social Services Administration and State Operations. These supplemental programs are projected on an individual basis according to their historical spending trends and/or latest programmatic information.
- (3) Offsets: Additional financial resources are used to offset State Medicaid, such as additional Federal funding, audit collections, drug manufacturer rebates, and Local County contributions, all of which also occur outside the eMedNY billing system. These offsets are projected on an individual basis according to their historical spending trends and/or latest programmatic information.

Forecasting Methodology/Data:

- State Medicaid disbursements are forecasted on a cash basis and updated on a quarterly basis, consistent with the schedule for revising the State's Financial Plan.
- The Medicaid forecast involves an evaluation of all major spending categories using a specific approach, depending on whether expenditures are based on monthly plan premiums for Managed Care or weekly feefor-service payments.
- The forecast uses spending category specific data. This includes detail on total paid claims and premiums, retroactive spending adjustments, caseload, and service utilization.
- This data is incorporated into a forecast modeling application that uses historical expenditure patterns, as well as price and utilization trends to provide time-series analyses that are used to project future expenditures.
- The models also consider non-claims data (e.g., managed care enrollment, Federal Medicare premiums, and trends in the pharmaceutical industry) in certain areas to generate program specific expenditure projections.

Factors Impacting the Medicaid Forecast:

- Medicaid spending is determined by:
 - Price of services provided through the program (e.g., nursing homes, hospitals, prescription drugs);
 - Utilization of services (reflects both the number of individuals enrolled in Medicaid and the utilization of services); and
 - MRT budget actions, one-time costs/savings, or other payments that do not fall into price or utilization.
- Medicaid price and utilization are influenced by a multitude of factors, including:
 - Economic conditions;
 - Total enrollment and population mix in Medicaid;
 - Changes in the health care marketplace;
 - o Prescription drug pricing and product development by manufacturers;
 - Complex reimbursement formulas which themselves are affected by another set of factors (e.g., length of hospital stays);
 - o Behavior and composition of recipients accessing services; and
 - Litigation.
- The State share of Medicaid spending is also dependent on two factors:
 - o Local government contributions toward Medicaid costs; and
 - Federal funding, which can be affected by both statutory and administrative changes at the Federal level.

The following table outlines the FY 2023 Medicaid spending projections by major health care sector (i.e., category of spending) for Medicaid claims, supplemental programs, and offsets.

Executive Budget Projected FY 2023 Medicaid Spending (\$in millions)						
Category of Spending	Medicaid Claims	Supplemental Programs	Offsets	Total		
Medicaid Managed Care	\$22,398	\$1,193	(\$1,892)	\$21,698		
Mainstream Managed Care	\$14,456	\$667	(\$431)	\$14,692		
Long Term Managed Care	\$7,942	\$526	(\$1,462)	\$7,006		
Total Fee-For-Service	\$8,126	\$1,214	(\$1,517)	\$7,823		
Inpatient	\$1,800	\$842	(\$13)	\$2,628		
Outpatient/Emergency Room	\$338	\$0	(\$3)	\$336		
Clinic	\$516	\$4	(\$65)	\$455		
Nursing Homes	\$3,052	\$286	\$0	\$3,337		
Personal Care	\$730	\$23	(\$48)	\$706		
Home Health	\$145	\$0	(\$13)	\$132		
Other Long Term Care	\$177	\$8	\$0	\$185		
Pharmacy	\$376	\$3	(\$1,301)	(\$922)		
Transportation	\$328	\$46	(\$1)	\$373		
Non-Institutional	\$665	\$2	(\$73)	\$593		
Other State Agencies (OSA)	\$4,243	\$0	(\$3,097)	\$1,146		
Mental Hygiene Stabilization Fund (MHSF)	\$0	\$0	\$382	\$382		
Medicare Part A/B & D	\$0	\$2,782	\$0	\$2,782		
VAPAP	\$0	\$1,996	\$0	\$1,996		
All Other	\$16	\$1,759	(\$920)	\$856		
Medicaid Administration	\$0	\$540	\$0	\$540		
State Operations	\$0	\$377	\$0	\$377		
Local Cap Contribution	\$0	\$0	(\$6,566)	(\$6,566)		
COVID-19 eFMAP	\$0	\$0	(\$4,441)	(\$4,441)		
Audit Collections	\$0	\$0	(\$433)	(\$433)		
TOTAL	\$34,784	\$9,861	(\$18,484)	\$26,161		

Major Supplemental Programs:

Medicaid Managed Care (\$1.2 billion)

- Mainstream Managed Care: 2 Percent Encounter Withhold Repayments and HIV Special Needs Plans (SNP) Quality Pool.
- Managed Long Term Care: 1.5 Percent Encounter Withhold Repayments, 3 Percent Enrollment Withhold Repayments, and Quality Pools.

Fee-For-Service (\$1.2 billion)

- Inpatient: Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) and Voluntary Upper Payment Limit (UPL).
- Nursing Homes: Advance Training Initiatives, 2 Percent Supplemental Payments, Reform Initiative, and Young Adult Demonstration.

- Other Long Term Care: Assisted Living Demonstration Vouchers, and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) payments.
- Transportation: Supplemental Ambulance and Rural Transportation Investments.

Medicare SMI Part A/B & Clawback Part D (\$2.8 billion)

- Supplemental Medical Insurance (SMI) Part A/B: This voluntary Social Security insurance pays a
 substantial part of Medicare dual enrollees' expenses for hospital, physician, home health, and other
 medical health services. States must contribute to the Federal Government a portion of the total
 expenses.
- Clawback Part D: Under the Medicare Part D drug benefit program, most costs are paid by beneficiary
 premiums and general tax revenues. States must contribute to the Federal Government for beneficiaries
 who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid who receive drug coverage through Part D.

Vital Access Provider Assurance Program (VAPAP) (\$2.0 billion)

- The VAPAP program provides State-only support for facilities in severe financial distress to enable these
 facilities to maintain operations and provision of vital services while they implement longer-term solutions
 to achieve sustainable health care service delivery.
- Global Cap models thus far have assumed that State-only VAPAP advances made to hospitals, as a
 bridge while awaiting CMS DPT payment approval, would be recouped within this fiscal year. CMS
 approved the FY 2023 DPT payments in January 2023, which limits the ability to fully recoup VAPAP
 advances in FY 2023. Therefore, these VAPAP advances have been incorporated into the FY 2023
 model as costs with corresponding recoupments assumed next fiscal year.

All Other (\$1.8 billion)

The All Other category includes a variety of Medicaid payments and offsets, the largest components of which are described as follows:

- Health Care Worker Bonus (\$1.1 billion): front line health care and mental hygiene practitioners, technicians, assistants, and aides earning less than \$125,000 annually, who provide hands on health or care services to individuals received a State-funded bonus payment of up to \$3,000 in FY 2023. The amount of the bonus was based on hours worked and length of time in service with qualified employers. State employees in comparable titles received bonuses, as well.
- Vital Access/Safety Net Provider Program (\$186 million): The Vital Access/Safety Net Provider Program (VAP) supports projects for facilities that were selected due to their serious financial condition and critical role in providing services to New York State's fragile, elderly, and low-income population. These awards support multi-year projects submitted by hospitals, nursing homes, free standing clinics, and home health providers. The VAP funds are used primarily to improve community care including expanding access to ambulatory services, opening urgent care centers, expanding services in rural areas, and providing more effective services that meet community needs.
- Affordable Care Act (ACA) Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Correction (\$154 million): As part of the ACA, CMS anticipated that states that adopted continuous eligibility for adults would experience a two percent increase in enrollment. Based on this estimate, CMS determined that 97.4 percent of Medicaid enrollee member months for newly eligible individuals in the Adult Group will be matched at the enhanced FMAP rate (90%) and 2.6 percent will be matched at the regular FMAP rate (50%). This liability began accruing on January 1, 2014, and accrues on a quarterly basis going forward; eMedNY is unable to carve out a portion of the Adult Group. As a result, the State claims for the entire group at the eFMAP rate and thus overclaims for 2.6 percent of the Adult Group, resulting in the liability which is then repaid manually to the Federal government.

- Patient Centered Medical Homes (\$116 million): The Medicaid Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH)
 incentive program gives incentive payments to National Committee for Quality Assurance PCMHrecognized providers to support their ongoing efforts to deliver high-quality, coordinated care to Medicaid
 members.
- Affordable Housing (\$63 million): The Supportive Housing Initiative seeks to ensure that Medicaid members have proper housing that promotes a healthy environment and lifestyle.

Medicaid Administration (\$540 million)

The annual county Medicaid caps for Local Administration remained at their historic/current levels during FY 2023, although it is anticipated that county Administration costs will continue to decrease over time as the State assumes more administrative functions previously borne by local districts.

The State assumption of Medicaid administrative functions is behind schedule due to challenges with systems upgrades to the State's Welfare Management System (WMS). In addition, extensive attention has been given to refining the MAGI eligibility and enrollment rules for NY State of Health (NYSOH) applicants to ensure Medicaid coverage is correctly provided and continuity of care is maintained.

The Department of Health continues to work collaboratively with local governments and the Division of the Budget to facilitate the transition of Medicaid administrative functions and associated costs to the State. The latest annual report detailing the Medicaid Administration Takeover can be found at: Medicaid Administration Annual Report.

State Operations (\$376 million)

The Office of Health Insurance Programs (OHIP) State Operations budget reflects the Non-Federal share of personal services (i.e., salaries of OHIP staff) and non-personal services costs (i.e., contractual services). The FY 2023 Budget was projected to total \$377 million which also includes Essential Plan administration costs.

Contracts for the Enrollment Center, the NYSOH Customer Service Center, eMedNY/MMIS, and various MRT initiatives comprise a significant portion of the total non-personal service budget.

State Operations FY 2023 Budget (\$ in millions)				
Service Costs Annual Budget				
Personal Services	\$57.6			
Medicaid	\$53.1			
Essential Plan	\$4.5			
Non-Personal Services	\$318.9			
Medicaid	\$248.4			
Essential Plan	\$70.5			
TOTAL	\$376.5			

Major Offsets:

Medicaid Managed Care (-\$1.9 billion)

- Mainstream Managed Care (MMC): Transfer of Child Health Plus (CHP) claims out of the Medicaid Global Cap to the General Fund. Historically, the cost of the CHP program has been paid by the General Fund; however, in the first instance those costs are paid by the Medicaid Global Cap and are then reimbursed.
- Managed Long Term Care (MLTC): Supplemental Federal Revenue (i.e., 6% eFMAP) for Community
 First Choice Option (CFCO) services to expand home and community-based services and supports to
 individuals in need of long term care for help with everyday activities and health-related tasks that can be
 performed by an aide or direct care worker.

Fee-For-Service (-\$1.5 billion)

- Inpatient: Similar to CHP, the transfer of Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) medical expenditures for inmates that are funded initially through the Medicaid Global Cap.
- Other Long Term Care: Supplemental Federal Revenue for CFCO services (see above for additional information regarding CFCO).
- Pharmacy: OBRA and Supplemental Rebate collections from drug manufacturers.

Other State Agencies & MHSF (-\$2.7 billion)

Transfers from Other State Agencies (OSA) to support State-share Medicaid expenditures for services of the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), Office of Mental Health (OMH), Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), State Education Department (SED), Department of Corrections & Community Supervision (DOCCS) and Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS).

All Other (-\$920 million)

The All Other category includes a variety of Medicaid offsets, the largest components of which are described as follows:

- The use of ARP FMAP (\$553 million) to offset HCBS investments that hit the Medicaid Global Spending Cap in the first instance.
- Supplemental Federal Revenue (-\$269 million): Includes claiming Federal revenue for Family Planning Services, Undocumented Pregnant Women, and School Supportive Health Services.
- Accounts Receivable (-\$10 million): Represents the collection of Medicaid provider liabilities owed to the State resulting from processing retroactive rate adjustments.

Local Cap Contribution (-\$6.6 billion)

The Local Cap Contribution represents the contribution the State receives from Local Districts for their share of the Medicaid program. The Local share of Medicaid expenditures has been capped since FY 2016. However, Local District contributions have been reduced in FY 2023 to account for the sharing of eFMAP.

COVID-19 eFMAP (-\$4.4 billion)

Refer to the "Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic" section for additional details.

Audit Collections (-\$433 million)

The Department of Health collaborates with the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) and the Office of the Attorney General (AG) in recovering improperly expended Medicaid funds. OMIG conducts and coordinates the investigation, detection, audit, and review of Medicaid providers and recipients to ensure they are complying with all applicable laws and regulations. OMIG recovers any improper payments through cash collections and voided claim recoveries. Cash collections are recovered through three avenues: direct payments, payment plans, and withholds.

In addition to cash collections, OMIG finds inappropriately billed claims within Managed Care capitation payments or provider fee-for-service claims. To correct an error, OMIG and DOH process the current accurate claim, and reduce this claim by the inappropriate claim value to recoup the previous overclaim and decrease state spending. Beginning in FY 2017, void recoveries were included as part of the audit collections to more accurately reflecting accounting for cash collections. These cash audit collection recoveries are used to offset Global Cap spending.

Results April through March 2023 - Global Cap Target vs. Actual Spending

Through March 2023, total actual State Medicaid spending was \$8 million under the Medicaid Global Spending Cap projection. Spending through March resulted in total expenditures of \$26.153 billion compared to the projected spending target of \$26.161 billion.

April to March 2023 Medicaid Global Cap Target vs. Actual Spending (\$ in millions)					
Category of Spending	Global Cap Target	Actual	\$ Variance Over / (Under)	% Variance Over / (Under)	
Medicaid Managed Care	\$21,698	\$21,104	(\$594)	-2.7%	
Mainstream Managed Care	\$14,692	\$13,490	(\$1,202)	-8.2%	
Long Term Managed Care	\$7,006	\$7,614	\$608	8.7%	
Total Fee-For-Service	\$7,823	\$7,787	(\$36)	-0.5%	
Inpatient	\$2,628	\$2,702	\$74	2.8%	
Outpatient/Emergency Room	\$336	\$326	(\$10)	-3.0%	
Clinic	\$455	\$455	\$0	0.0%	
Nursing Homes	\$3,337	\$3,205	(\$132)	-4.0%	
Personal Care	\$706	\$738	\$33	4.6%	
Home Health	\$132	\$155	\$23	17.5%	
Other Long Term Care	\$185	\$185	\$0	0.0%	
Pharmacy	(\$922)	(\$946)	(\$24)	2.6%	
Transportation	\$373	\$372	(\$1)	-0.4%	
Non-Institutional	\$593	\$594	\$2	0.3%	
Other State Agencies	\$1,146	\$1,181	\$34	3.0%	
Mental Hygiene Stabilization Fund	\$382	\$382	\$0	0.0%	
Medicare Part A/B & D	\$2,782	\$3,069	\$287	10.3%	
VAPAP	\$1,284	\$1,046	(\$238)	-18.5%	
VAPAP Advances Related to DPT Payments ³	\$712	\$1,001	\$289	40.5%	
All Other	\$858	\$1,136	\$278	32.4%	
Medicaid Administration	\$540	\$533	(\$7)	-1.4%	
State Operations	\$376	\$324	(\$52)	-13.9%	
Local Cap Contribution	(\$6,566)	(\$6,566)	\$0	0.0%	
COVID-19 eFMAP	(\$4,441)	(\$4,441)	\$0	0.0%	
Audit Collections	(\$433)	(\$402)	\$31	-7.1%	
TOTAL	\$26,161	\$26,153	(\$8)	0.0%	

The category specific underspending detailed in the chart above resulted in the availability of additional one-time resources within the Global Spending Cap to manage the timing of certain payments and credits across fiscal years.

These end-of-fiscal year actions included items such as shifting Federal credits into FY 2024 (e.g., CFCO, and HCBS eFMAP), and executing pre-payments of FY 2024 liabilities (e.g., ACA Federal Financial Participation liability, Medicare Clawback Part D, and SMI). These actions represent payment advances, not deferrals, and did not impact deferrals (i.e., the cycle deferral for Managed Care Organizations) previously assumed. Further, these actions freed up out-year resources within the Global Spending Cap to support additional program investments in FY 2024 and beyond.

The following explanations regarding the variances between the Global Cap Target through March and the actual spending are reserved for significant variances with the understanding that small variances do not require an explanation and equate to "being on target."

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³ VAPAP Advances related to DPT payments were previously mapped to the All Other spending line in prior quarter reports, but have now been reclassified to a discrete spending line

Medicaid Managed Care

Medicaid spending in major Managed Care categories was \$540 million under anticipated spending, or 2.5 percent.

- Mainstream Managed Care was \$1.2 billion, or 8.2 percent, under target. This is mainly due to the timing
 of obtaining CMS approval for the FY 2023 DPT payments, resulting in delays in effectuating the rate
 increases, which will be processed in FY 2024. In addition to the DPT payments, there were rate
 adjustments in Mainstream and HARP that included the implementation of FY 2023 Enacted Budget
 actions (i.e., 1% ATB increase and Home Care Minimum Wage), which will be processed in FY 2024.
- Long Term Managed Care was \$608 million, or 8.7 percent, over projected spending. This variance is largely attributed to the timing of CFCO credits and HCBS eFMAP credits, which will be claimed in FY 2024 (as noted above).

Fee-For-Service

Medicaid spending in major fee-for-service categories was \$93 million, or 1.2 percent, under target.

- Nursing Homes was \$132 million, or 4.0 percent, under projected spending. This variance is attributed to lower than expected claims and a delay in Calendar Year 2022 rates adjustments (Rate Corrections/Appeals and Cash Receipts Assessment (CRA)) that were expected to materialize in FY 2023, but will instead process in FY 2024.
- Together, Personal Care (\$33M) and Home Health (\$23M) were \$56 million, or 6.7 percent, over projected spending. This variance is largely attributed to greater claims than projected. In particular, claims for NHTD Waiver services, home health aide services, and Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP) services increased from FY 2022 above projections.
- Pharmacy was \$24 million, or 2.6 percent, under projections. This variance is largely attributed to higher than expected rebate collections.

Medicare Part A/B & D

Medicare Part A/B & D was \$287 million, or 10.3 percent over budget, which was the direct result of the State executing prepayments referenced above for SMI (\$100M) and Clawback Part D (\$172M) to the Federal government, in order to maximize the eFMAP for those payments.

VAPAP

VAPAP spending was \$238 million, or 18.5 percent under projections, primarily as a result of Nursing Home underspending against the budgeted allocation. Additional underspending is attributable to the re-allocation of funding associated with delayed implementation of Q4 DPT payments, rate add-ons and reprogramming of expenses related to public provider funding and DPT payment advances. However, DPT payment advances made through VAPAP resulted in final annual spending of over \$2 billion in distressed facilities support in FY 2023.

All Other

All Other overspent by \$278 million, or 32.4 percent. The variance in this category is mainly attributed to accelerating payments on an Affordable Care Act (ACA) Federal Financial Participation liability and higher than anticipated Healthcare Worker Bonus payments as a result of CMS denial of Federal support due to the State's reimbursement methodology for the program.

Medicaid Administration Costs

Medicaid Administration was \$7 million under the budget through March.

State Operations

OHIP State Operations underspent projections by \$52 million, or 13.9 percent, which was primarily due to delays in New York State of Health Exchange contract implementation related to the shift in the unwind of the PHE and lower than projected Personal Service expenditures.

Audit Collections

Audit collections received were \$31 million, or 7.1 percent, below projections through March, which is due to the timing in processing of audits and resulting recoveries.

Enrollment

Medicaid total enrollment reached 7,873,662 enrollees at the end of March 2023, a net increase of 298,452 from March 2022. Overall enrollment exceeded projections by 84,362 individuals, which is in large part due to the extension of the COVID-19 PHE.

Mainstream Managed Care (includes HIV/SNPS and HARPs): Mainstream Managed Care total enrollment in March 2023 reached 5,743,351 enrollees, a net increase of 221,671 from March 2022.

Managed Long Term Care (includes Medicaid Advantage Plus, PACE and Partial Capitation): Managed Long Term Care (MLTC) enrollment reached 308,541 by the end of FY 2023, a net increase of 27,003 individuals from March 2022.

Medicaid Enrollment to Date

Medicaid Enrollment Summary Medicaid Managed Care vs Fee-for-Service						
	March 2022	March 2023	Net Increase / (Decrease)	% Change		
Mainstream Managed Care	5,521,680	5,743,351	221,671	4.0%		
Long Term Managed Care	281,538	308,541	27,003	9.6%		
Fee-For-Service	1,771,992	1,821,770	49,778	2.8%		
TOTAL	7,575,210	7,873,662	298,452	3.9%		

Medicaid Enrollment Summary by NYC vs Rest of State						
March 2022 March 2023 Net Increase / (Decrease) % Change						
NYC	4,301,457	4,408,585	107,128	2.5%		
Rest of State	3,273,753	3,465,077	191,324	5.8%		
TOTAL	7,575,210	7,873,662	298,452	3.9%		

Note: Enrollment counts are from the Medicaid Data Warehouse (enrollment database) and are reported on DOH's website: NYS Medicaid Enrollment Databook. Data is pulled monthly to account for any retroactive updates. These counts reflect the net impact of new enrollment and disenrollment that occurred from March 2022 through March 2023 based on data pulled 4/24/2023.

Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Federal government increased its share of Medicaid funding (i.e. eFMAP) by 6.2 percent for each calendar quarter occurring during the Federal public health emergency declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS). The enhanced funding began January 1, 2020, and continued through Fiscal Year 2023. 4 Certain expenditures, including expenditures for the Medicaid expansion population already eligible for enhanced federal match under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and certain medical services already eligible for an enhanced Federal match did not qualify for the 6.2 percent eFMAP.5

The additional Federal resources reduced State and Local government costs and helped support the significant increase in Medicaid enrollment resulting, in large part, from individuals losing income and/or job-related insurance coverage because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to Federal MOE requirements under the FFCRA, states were precluded from terminating an individual's Medicaid enrollment, except in very limited circumstances (e.g., death, moving out of state, voluntary termination, etc.) and, for a period, making any changes in the amount, duration, and scope of Medicaid benefits, as a condition of receiving eFMAP.

The following table provides the actual fiscal impacts attributed to the pandemic related to the additional COVID-19 eFMAP that is claimed on a one-month lag. There is a year-to-year increase of eFMAP due to the claiming of 11.5 months in FY 2022 (for the period of March 2021 to February 2022) and 12.5 months claimed in FY 2023 (for the period of February 2022 to February 2023) as well as higher eFMAP collections as a result of increased Medicaid spending due to higher enrollment and utilization.

COVID-19 eFMAP \$ in millions				
	FY 2022	FY 2023	Annual Change	
State Share	\$2,983	\$3,651	\$688	
Local Share	\$646	\$790	\$144	
Total 6.2% eFMAP	\$3,629	\$4,441	\$812	

Increased Enrollment:

As stated previously, the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the most significant one-year increase in Medicaid enrollment since the inception of the program. Increased enrollment resulted as individuals lost income and/or job-related insurance coverage and as the State was required to suspend termination of eligibility under Federal law as a condition of receiving eFMAP.

Between March 2020, when the Federal public emergency was declared by the Secretary of HHS, and March 2023, the end of this reporting period. Medicaid enrollment increased by 1.8 million. A month-by-month summary of Medicaid enrollment can be found at: NYS Medicaid Enrollment Databook.

Spending on Services:

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted both the utilization of services and the intensity of services beneficiaries sought as compared to prior years, and as compared to expected spending during the reporting period. This was particularly the case for certain types of services discussed briefly below.

At the height of the pandemic, spending on Acute Care (Inpatient/Outpatient/Clinic) services increased significantly due to higher intensity COVID-19 related inpatient care (e.g., ventilation, intubation) and emergency related services. Spending has subsequently trended downwards as costs have declined with a decrease in COVID-19 hospitalizations, and utilization remains below pre-pandemic levels.

⁴ As of the date of this report, HHS has extended the PHE through May 11, 2023, which provides additional quarters of eFMAP in FY 2024 based on the Public Health Emergency Transition Roadmap.

The ACA's Medicaid provisions allows New York to utilize Federal funding (90% Federal Share) to expand Medicaid to single and childless adults with

incomes up to 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Limit.

Long Term Care services that comprise a significant portion of Medicaid spending have risen significantly from pre-pandemic levels, which is primarily attributable to increased costs for Nursing Homes, Personal Care, and Home Health services, partially offset by continued lower utilization compared to pre-pandemic usage.

Non-Institutional Fee-for-Service spending remains relatively flat compared to pre-pandemic levels. Transportation utilization continues to trend below pre-pandemic levels with the increased flexibility for telehealth services, including the expansion of telehealth options for clinics, optometrists, and dentists. The ability of enrollees to seek certain telehealth services through alternate modalities resulted in increases in utilization for certain types of services, with much of the telehealth spend during the COVID-19 period tied directly to behavioral health services.

Notable Events

MRT II: The FY 2021 Enacted Budget included \$2.2 billion in recommendations put forward by the MRT II to create efficiencies within the Medicaid program and address the Medicaid imbalance, including identifying efficiencies in long term care services, as well as administrative reforms. Over two-thirds of the \$2.2 billion in savings actions have been implemented, with the remaining savings actions delayed due to ongoing litigation, Federal government Maintenance-of-Effort (MOE) requirements associated with the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) of 6.2 percent on Medicaid payment (see next paragraph for additional information) and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) eFMAP of 10 percent for certain home and community-based services. Those actions that are limited by the MOE requirements will be implemented in FY 2025.

FFCRA & ARPA MOE Requirements: Section 6008 of the March 2020 FFCRA imposed an MOE requirement conditioned on states receiving the 6.2 percent eFMAP during the Federal PHE. Additionally, Section 9817 of the March 2021 ARPA imposed an MOE requirement for the duration of the period over which states are able to spend the 10 percent eFMAP related to certain home and community-based services. As a result, several MRT II initiatives aimed at modifying eligibility (i.e., the 30-month lookback) and other Personal Care Services/Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program requirements have been delayed. The MOEs additionally preclude states from utilizing most forms of involuntary disenrollment from Medicaid, which has also resulted in the suspension of eligibility redeterminations as was done previously.

<u>Financial Plan Enrollment Projections:</u> The Executive Budget Update to the Financial Plan reflects the extension of the PHE as outlined in the HHS guidelines⁶. This assumes that enrollment levels will continue to grow to 7.9 million by June 2023, and start to return to near pre-pandemic levels in FY 2024. As the economy recovers and unemployment trends towards pre-pandemic levels, costs associated with individuals temporarily enrolled, but entitled to twelve months of continuous coverage, are anticipated to persist through the end of FY 2023, and decline in FY 2024.

Extension of the Public Health Emergency (PHE): The Secretary of Human Services extended the COVID-19 PHE through May 11, 2023. The extension of the PHE (and COVID-19 eFMAP) is accompanied by cost increases for enrollees whose coverage has been extended due to CMS MOE provisions in the FFCRA, as well as the State's 12-month continuous coverage mandate.

However, on December 29, 2022, the Consolidated Appropriations Act was signed into law. This legislation made the expiration of the continuous enrollment requirement separate from the end of the COV ID-19 PHE. The continuous enrollment condition ended on March 31, 2023. States have up to 12 months to initiate, and 14 months to complete, a renewal for all individuals enrolled in Medicaid, Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the Basic Health Program (BHP) following the end of the continuous enrollment condition.

Beginning April 1, 2023, the FFCRA's temporary FMAP increase is being gradually reduced and will end on December 31, 2023. The Department of Health is currently evaluating guidance provided by CMS in determining the impacts of the PHE unwind and resuming redeterminations.

Home & Community-Based Services (HCBS) eFMAP: In addition to the 6.2 percent COVID-19 eFMAP increase, the Federal ARPA bill provided a temporary 10 percentage point increase to the FMAP for certain Medicaid HCBS claimed through March 31, 2022. Such additional funding must supplement, not supplant, current Medicaid funding.

After a collaborative, multi-agency effort with the Department's partner agencies that touch on the categories of HCBS for which the eFMAP is being provided, the Department submitted New York's initial spending plan to CMS on July 9, 2021. CMS has approved all spending plan initiatives. The Department may modify the spending plan, subject to CMS's approval, on a quarterly basis.

In its spending plan update from May 1, 2023, New York continued to recommend investments that will support the needs of our most vulnerable populations, including children, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), those suffering from addiction, those with behavioral health needs, and older adults. New

⁶ CMS published guidance for the unwind of the Public Health Emergency and eFMAP on January 31, 2023. https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/sho23002.pdf

York's approach prioritizes investments with long term sustainable benefits, including building workforce capacity and digital infrastructure to streamline service delivery, improving the quality and efficiency of services in the more immediate term, and helping HCBS providers overcome pandemic-related expenses and service disruptions.

<u>Medicaid Funding:</u> Federal funding for Medicaid, authorized under NYS' 1115 demonstration waiver, is subject to review by CMS every five years. Funding has been extended at current levels through March 31, 2027, which supports the Medicaid Managed Care programs, children's HCBS, and self-directed personal care services.

In addition, the State has requested an additional \$13.5 billion of Federal funding for Medicaid over five years for a new programmatic amendment, titled *New York Health Equity Reform (NYHER): Making Targeted, Evidence-Based Investments to Address the Health Disparities Exacerbated by the COVID-19 Pandemic.* If approved by CMS, the funding would change the way the Medicaid program integrates and pays for social, physical health, and behavioral health care in New York State.

Appendix A. Inventory of Rate Packages

Below are the largest of the rate packages processed in FY 2023:

Category of Service	Rate Package Description	Month Paid
	April 2022 Mainstream Rates	May 2022
	April 2022 HARP Rates	May 2022
Managad Cara	April 2022 HIV Special Needs Plans (HIV SNP) Rates	August 2022
Managed Care	Encounter Withhold FY 2022	December 2022
	Quality Pools FY 2021	June 2022
	HIV SNP Incentive Pool Payment CY 2021	August 2022
	April 2022 Partial Capitation Rates	May 2022
	April 2022 Medicaid Advantage Plan (MAP) Rates	May 2022
Long Term Managed	April 2022 Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Rates	December 2022
Care	Encounter Withhold FY 2022	October 2022
	QIVAPP FY 2022	June 2022
	Quality Pools FY 2021	June 2022
	Acute & Exempt Unit Inpatient Rates CY 2022	May 2022
Inpatient	Inpatient 1% Trend Factor	July 2022
	Clinic 1% Trend Factor	June 2022
Clinic	October 2022 FQHC MEI Increase	October 2022
	Hold Harmless CY 2021	October 2022
	NH Operating Initial Rates CY 2022	August 2022
	NH Operating Initial Rates CY 2023	March 2023
	July 2022 NH Case Mix Rate Update	November 2022
Nursing Homes	NH Capital Initial Rates CY 2022	September 2022
_	NH Capital Initial Rates CY 2023	March 2023
	NH Case Mix 5% Cap Release	September 2022
	Nursing Homes 1% Trend Factor	September 2022
	PC Initial Rates CY 2021	June 2022
Daws a wall Care	NHTD TBI Minimum Wage	March 2023
Personal Care	Personal Care 1% Trend Factor	September 2022
	NHTD & TBI 1% Trend Factor	August 2022
Assisted Living	ALP Rates CY 2022	March 2023
Providers	ALP 1% Trend Factor	July 2022
	Hospice Residence Rates CY 2022	September 2022
Hospice	Hospice 1% Trend Factor	July 2022
Llama Llaalth	CHHA Pediatric (includes MW) CY 2021	June 2022
Home Health	Home Health 1% Trend Factor	October 2022
Early Intervention	Early Intervention 1% Trend Factor	November 2022
Pharmacy	Pharmacy 1% Trend Factor	November 2022

Appendix B. FY 2023 Enacted Budget

(http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/mrt_budget.htm)

Below is a condensed version of the FY 2023 Enacted Scorecard which focuses the list on the status of budget actions as of March 2023. Any lost savings or availed spending was accommodated within the Medicaid Global Cap. Proposals that were not implemented during FY 2023 as initially planned were delayed primarily due to timing-related challenges (e.g., working with CMS on achieving Federal approval); however, the Department is committed to work towards implementing these proposals in FY 2024.

(State Share \$ millions)	FY 2023 Enacted	Implemented Y/N	Achieved
Global Cap Forecast with Legislation (Surplus)/Deficit	(\$437.036)		
Global Cap Index Inflation - CMS Office of the Actuary Medicaid Projection (5-Year Rolling Average)	(\$366.000)	Y	(\$366.000)
Health Care Bonus - State Total ⁷	\$922.748	Y	\$922.748
Financial Plan Support for Health Care Bonuses	(\$922.748)	Y	(\$922.748)
Global Cap (Surplus)/Deficit	(\$803.036)		(\$366.000)
Budget Actions	\$844.246		\$1,034.09
Hospital Actions	\$350.000		\$350.000
Distressed Hospital Pool	\$100.000	Υ	\$100.000
Distressed Provider Account Investment (inc. \$100M of Financial Plan Resources)	\$250.000	Y	\$250.000
Long Term Care Actions	\$48.803		\$85.167
Nursing Home Reforms	<u>\$161.500</u>	_	\$83.800
Nursing Home Support for Compliance with Staffing Regulations	\$61.500	Y	\$61.500
Increase Nursing Home Vital Access Provider (VAP) Funding	\$100.000	Y	\$22.300
LTC-Medicaid Diversion	<u>(\$110.564)</u>	_	<u>\$0.000</u>
Long Term Service and Support (LTSS) Coverage in Essential Plan	(\$110.564)	N	\$0.000
LTC Other Reforms	<u>(\$2.133)</u>	-	<u>\$1.367</u>
Increasing Private Duty Nursing (PDN) Reimbursement for Nurses Servicing Adult Members	\$19.450	Y	\$19.450
Use of Federal HCBS funding to support PDN Reimbursement	(\$19.450)	Y	(\$19.450)
Alzheimer's Program under Medicaid	\$1.367	Y	\$1.367
Fully Implement the Duals Integration Roadmap	(\$3.500)	N	\$0.000
Managed Care Actions	(\$34.428)		\$148.572
Moving Integrated Plans to Middle of the Rate Range	\$20.000	Y	\$20.000
Restore MMC/MLTC Quality Pools (1-Year Restoration)	\$77.250	Y	\$77.250
Utilize Child Health Plus (CHP) to Access Federal Funding for Enhanced Pregnancy Coverage	(\$183.000)	N	\$0.000
Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Rates to Incentivize Providers in Managed Care	\$36.605	Y	\$36.605
Adjust HIV SNP Rates to Reflect High Needs Model	\$14.717	Y	\$14.717

⁷ Additional titles were added to the Health Care Worker bonus which increased initial projections reflected on the FY 2023 Enacted Scorecard. These additional titles were supported by Financial Plan resources as noted on pg. 6 in the report.

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Other Actions	\$462.349		\$462.349
Increase Medicaid Trend Factor by 1% to Recognize Provider Cost Increases	\$318.310	Υ	\$318.310
Restoration of 1.5% Across the Board (ATB)	\$140.759	Υ	\$140.759
Investment in Children's Behavioral Health Services	\$37.260	Υ	\$37.260
Use of Federal HCBS funding to support Children's Behavioral Health Services	(\$37.260)	Υ	(\$37.260)
Increase Top 20 Orthotics and Prosthetics Codes to Medicare Rates	\$3.750	Y	\$3.750
Establish Unique Identifier for All Unenrolled Provider Types	(\$5.000)	Υ	(\$5.000)
Promote Access to Primary Care	\$4.930	Υ	\$4.930
Eliminate Unnecessary Requirements from the Utilization Threshold (UT) Program	(\$0.230)	Υ	(\$0.230)
Enhanced Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Management	(\$0.170)	Υ	(\$0.170)
Maternal Health Actions	\$4.335		(\$17.000)
Improve and Expand Access to Prenatal and Postnatal Care	\$6.335	N	\$0.000
Advancing Comprehensive Maternal Care in Managed Care	\$15.000	N	\$0.000
Maternal Health Investments - Avoided Costs	(\$17.000)	Υ	(\$17.000)
Other State of the State Actions	\$13.187		\$5.000
Create a Center of Medicaid Innovation to Lower Costs and Improve Care	\$1.200	N	\$0.000
Promote Health Equity and Continuity of Coverage for Vulnerable Seniors	\$5.000	Y	\$5.000
Patient Access and Developer Portals	\$4.06	N	\$0.000
Health Care Bonus Enforcement	\$2.930	N	\$0.000
Adds	\$904.825		\$843.941
Additional Hospital Funding	\$800.000	Y	\$843.941
Maternal Health for Postpartum Coverage for Undocumented	\$2.325	 N	\$0.000
Medicaid Coverage for Undocumented Age 65+	\$56.454	N N	\$0.000
Additional QIVAPP Support	\$37.400	Y	\$38.741
Medicare Savings Program Expansion	\$5.200	Y	\$5.200
Medicaid Ambulance Billing	\$3.446	N	\$0.000
Avails	(\$946.035)	11	(\$912.335)
Other Revisions and Timing of Payments Across Fiscal Years	(\$342.335)	Y	(\$342.335)
Mainstream Managed Care Non-Federal Share Assumption	(\$486.000)	Y	(\$486.000)
Temporary Support for One-time COVID-related Hospital Expenses	(\$84.000)	Y	(\$84.000)
CDPAP Request for Offer (RFO) Re-estimate	(\$25.000)	N	\$0.000
Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) Savings Offset related to MSP	(\$8.700)	N	\$0.000
Expansion Total Global Cap (Surplus)/Deficit	\$0.000		\$599.694
Home Care Minimum Wage Increase	\$362.578	Y	\$362.578
Use of Federal HCBS funding to support Home Care Minimum Wage Increase	(\$362.578)	N	\$0.000
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Appendix C. Regional Spending Data

The chart below represents total provider spending that occurs within the Medicaid claiming system (eMedNY) through March 2023 for each region. These values represent physically where the services were provided, but not necessarily where the recipient of the services reside.

Medicaid Regional Spending (\$ in millions)	
Economic Region	Non-Federal Total Paid
New York City	\$20,590
Long Island	\$3,297
Mid-Hudson	\$3,353
Western	\$1,578
Finger Lakes	\$1,332
Capital District	\$1,043
Central	\$752
Mohawk Valley	\$677
Southern Tier	\$572
North Country	\$403
Out of State	\$105
TOTAL	\$33,701

More detailed regional information can be found on the Department of Health's website at: http://www.health.ny.gov/health-care/medicaid/regulations/global-cap/

Appendix D. State-Only Payments (YTD)

State-only Payments (\$ in millions)	Non-Federal Total Paid
VAPAP	\$1,046.3
Net VAPAP Advances Related to DPT Payments	\$1,000.3
ACA Federal Financial Participation Liability	\$287.0
Supportive Housing	\$55.2
Alzheimer's Caregiver Support	\$26.5
End of AIDS	\$10.5
Rural Transportation	\$8.0
Assisted Living Voucher Demo	\$7.6
MLTC Ombudsman	\$4.4
CSEA Buy-in	\$2.5
Primary Care Services Corp	\$0.4
TOTAL	\$2,449.0

Appendix E. Medicaid Drug Cap

- The FY 2018 Enacted Budget established a Medicaid Drug Cap that limits pharmacy spending growth in the Medicaid program tied to the annual growth rate of the Medicaid Global Cap, which is determined annually according to statute (5.8% in FY 2023).
- Prior to FY 2023, the Global Cap allowable growth was previously calculated using the ten-year rolling average
 of the medical component of the CPI for all urban consumers. The FY 2023 Enacted Budget modified the
 metric by which Medicaid Global Cap and Medicaid Drug Cap allowable spending growth is calculated, utilizing
 the five-year rolling average of health care spending, using projections from the CMS Actuary.
- If the Budget Director determines that expenditures will exceed the annual growth limitation imposed by the Medicaid Drug Cap, the Commissioner of Health may refer drugs to the State's Drug Utilization Review Board (DURB) for a recommendation as to whether a supplemental rebate should be paid by the manufacturer.
- If the Department intends to refer drugs to the DURB, it will notify affected manufacturers and will attempt to reach agreement on rebate amounts prior to DURB referral.
- In determining whether to recommend a target supplemental rebate for a drug, the DURB must consider the cost of the drug to the NYS Medicaid program and may consider, among other things: the drug's impact on the Medicaid drug spending, significant and unjustified increases in the price of the drug, and whether the drug may be priced disproportionally to its therapeutic benefits.
- In formulating a recommendation, the DURB may consider, among other things: publicly available and DOH supplied pricing information, the seriousness and prevalence of the disease or condition being treated, Medicaid utilization, the drug's effectiveness or impact on improving health, quality of life, or overall health outcomes, the likelihood that the drug will reduce the need for other medical care (including hospitalization), the average wholesale price, wholesale acquisition cost, and retail price of the drug, and the cost of the drug to Medicaid minus rebates.
- If, after the DURB recommends a target rebate amount, DOH and the manufacturer are unable to reach an agreement regarding supplemental rebate amounts, the manufacturer will be required to provide DOH with certain information including, but not limited to, marketing, research, and development costs for the drug.
- Over the past five years of implementation (FY 2018-FY 2022), the Medicaid Drug Cap has achieved over \$500 million in gross savings through spending reductions and additional supplemental rebate agreements with pharmaceutical manufacturers for over 60 high-cost drugs.
- In FY 2021, the COVID-19 pandemic significantly altered underlying assumptions historically used to project pharmacy specific utilization and spending in the Medicaid program. Specifically, the COVID-19 pandemic and associated MOE requirements under Section 6008 of FFCRA resulted in a rapid (and unpredictable) escalation in Medicaid enrollment with newly eligible populations having different risk profiles or spending patterns than existing Medicaid enrollees. Given the uncertainty of underlying enrollment and spending assumptions it was not possible to accurately project whether Medicaid pharmacy spending would exceed the statutory growth rate. Therefore, the Medicaid Drug Cap was not triggered in FY 2021.
- Consistent with the statutory formula, the Medicaid Drug Cap for FY 2023 is \$1.9 billion (State share) and
 reflects a growth rate of 5.8 percent consistent with the Medicaid Global Spending Cap. The Medicaid Drug
 Cap was not triggered in FY 2023 because the State was in the process of restructuring the pharmacy program
 through the scheduled benefit transition back to FFS from Managed Care. As a result of the pharmacy benefit
 transition, there will be significant shifts in drug pricing, utilization, and rebates, which will be incorporated in
 future Medicaid Drug Cap analyses.

Appendix F. Additional Information

- Fee-For-Service Rates for General Hospitals:
 - o Inpatient Rates: https://www.health.ny.gov/facilities/hospital/reimbursement/apr-drg/rates/ffs/index.htm
 - Outpatient Rates: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/apg/rates/hospital/index.htm
- Fee-For-Service Rates of Pharmaceutical Drugs on the Preferred Drug List (PDL): https://newyork.fhsc.com/downloads/providers/NYRx_PDP_PDL.pdf
- Fiscal Intermediaries: Article VII HMH Part PP: At this time, there are 0 Fiscal Intermediaries contracted with the State, below is the current status:
 - The FY 2023 Enacted Budget revised Social Services Law Section 365-f with a material modification of the approach underlying the fiscal intermediary Request for Offers (RFO) issued in December 2019 and the Survey of Qualified Offerors issued in June 2021.
 - The new legislative provisions now require DOH to offer contracts to the 68 awardees from February 2021 and all other qualified offerors from the initial RFO if such other qualified offerors affirmatively attest that they served at least 200 consumers in NYC, or 50 consumers in other areas of the state, at any point during the first calendar quarter of 2020.
 - DOH developed and issued the attestation documents to the qualified offerors and OMIG is auditing the attestation supporting information. Once completed, awards will be made to additional offerors and the Department will contract with the original 68 awardees and those selected under the attestation process.
 - MLTC Policy 21.01 outlining the transition policies for non-contracted fiscal intermediaries remains in effect. Please note, DOH has not announced a "contract notification date" and therefore all fiscal intermediaries can continue to operate at this time.