

MHIL Provider Memo

Molina Healthcare of Illinois | Updated April 3, 2024

Updates to HBIA and HBIS Programs

Molina Healthcare of Illinois (Molina) is reminding providers that we are serving a new member population within Medicaid—Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults (HBIA, ages 42–64) and Health Benefits for Immigrant Seniors (HBIS, ages 65+). We began welcoming qualifying individuals as Molina members on **January 1, 2024**. Individuals covered in the program had been covered under Fee-for-Service, administered by HFS. As of January 1, 2024, most of those covered will move to managed care.

Summary of updates

- Per HFS, copays will be waived through January 31, 2024 (contingent upon HFS guidance), to allow time for provider education.
- Enrollment is currently paused for both HBIA and HBIS. This action was taken through emergency rulemaking, under the authority granted to HFS by the Illinois General Assembly in SB 1298, to ensure the program does not exceed the funds available and appropriated in the budget for fiscal 2024. HFS has not indicated when enrollment will resume.
- MEDI will include a statement after “Case Type” identifying a person enrolled in HBIA or HBIS:

Coverage Detail

For the date(s) of service entered, the client is eligible for limited medical benefits. Additional information available below.

Case Type: IMMIGRANT ADULTS, FULL COVERAGE

- Covered stays (90 days or less) at a short-term rehabilitation facility only apply to HBIA/HBIS members assigned to MCOs (versus the HFS Fee-for-Service model that previously covered this group). Per HFS, the coverage for a short-term Nursing Facility rehabilitation stay is only applicable to HBIA/HBIS members assigned to MCOs.
- HFS has created rate cells for the HBIA and HBIS populations, including age groups that are currently **not** part of the HBIA program.

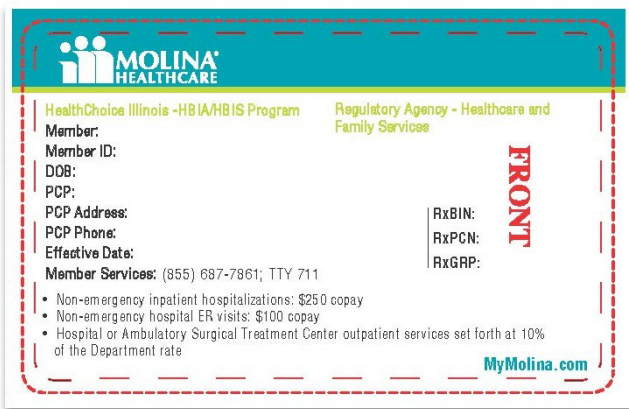
| Proc Cd | Description |
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| W7088 | HBIA 21–44 female* |
| W7089 | HBIA 21–44 male* |
| W7090 | HBIA 45–64 |
| W7091 | HBIS 65+ |

***Note:** The population **actually** enrolled in W7088 and W7089 will be **42 to 44 years old**; HFS developed the rate cell in anticipation of potentially expanding to younger ages, since that has been proposed in recent legislation and could be passed in the future.

- Molina has developed a live webinar for providers, which will be conducted monthly during the first quarter. The webinar will share additional details and provide the opportunity to ask questions. All providers serving Medicaid members are **strongly encouraged** to attend one of the following sessions:
 - January 10, 2024, at 1 p.m.
 - February 15, 2024, at 1 p.m.
 - March 13, 2024, at 1 p.m.

What providers can expect

- HBIS and HBIA members will be included in Molina’s existing Medicaid Family Health Plan (FHP).
- Per HFS, copays will be waived at least through January 31, 2024, to allow for provider education.
- Members will have a Medicaid ID card.



Covered services

Most services covered by the HBIA and HBIS programs will be free to members outside of the hospital setting and billed by the provider, including:

- Doctor care (PCPs and specialists).
- Vaccinations at PCP or pharmacy.
- Hospital care.
- Lab tests.
- Rehabilitative services such as physical and occupational therapy.
- Home health, mental health, and Substance Use Disorder services.
- Kidney and stem cell transplant services.
- Dental, transportation, and vision services.
- Prescription drugs.

- Post-inpatient nursing rehab (up to 90 days); Molina is not responsible for reimbursement beyond 90 days.

Services not covered

- Long-Term Care (nursing home, etc.).
- Transplant services (exception: kidney and stem cell transplant services are Covered Services).
- Home and Community-Based Services (waiver services).

Emergency medical need

No copayment or cost-sharing can be charged for an emergency service needed to evaluate or stabilize an Emergency Medical Condition. An Emergency Medical Condition is a condition with symptoms that are severe and painful enough that a reasonable person would think they are life-threatening and need immediate medical care. Things like a severe asthma attack, symptoms of a heart attack, or a car accident with serious injuries are just some examples.

Individuals enrolled in HBIA (ages 42 to 64) with emergency medical needs may qualify for Emergency Medical Coverage for Noncitizens.

Providers can find more detailed information in [this provider notice on the HFS](#) website.

Questions?

We're here to help. Contact your dedicated Provider Relations Manager or email the Provider Network Management team at MHILProviderNetworkManagement@MolinaHealthcare.com. To identify your dedicated Provider Relations Manager, visit [Molina's Service Area page](#) at MolinaHealthcare.com.

Provider portal alert

Providers no longer have direct access to the Molina Legacy Provider Portal. Ensure that you and your staff have access to streamlined claims management, authorizations, eligibility/benefit verification, and more. Get started with the [Availity Essentials Provider Portal](#) today!

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