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I. Executive summary

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) initiated the periodic data matching (PDM) process in August 2018 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0561. DHS must conduct periodic data matching to identify Medical Assistance (MA) or MinnesotaCare enrollees in the Minnesota Eligibility Technology System (METS) who may no longer qualify for their program based on available electronic data. DHS must send identified enrollees notices, giving them 30 days to respond and either provide information that confirms their continuing program eligibility or provide a reasonable explanation for data discrepancies. Enrollees who fail to respond or whose response shows program ineligibility get their health care coverage closed.

This report provides an overview of the PDM process and the results for each completed cycle of PDM from September 2024 through June 2025.

DHS suspended PDM cycles starting in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, preserving access to health care programs in accordance with Emergency Executive Orders [20-11](#) and [20-12](#) and to qualify for a temporary 6.2 Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) increase authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act¹. To qualify for the FMAP increase, the state was required to maintain Medicaid coverage (MA in Minnesota) for all individuals enrolled on and after March 18, 2020, through the end of the month in which the federal public health emergency ends, unless the individual requested a voluntary closure of their coverage, ceases to be a resident of the state or dies. Since the PDM process automatically terminates MA and MinnesotaCare coverage for reasons other than voluntary closure, loss of state residency or death, DHS suspended the PDM process to preserve Minnesota's eligibility for the enhanced FMAP.

DHS restarted the PDM process one year after the unwinding from the continuous coverage requirements in July 2024, in accordance with Laws of Minnesota 2023, Chapter 22, Section 2. The first closures for enrollees who did not respond to a PDM discrepancy notice occurred at the end of September 2024.

This report includes the results for each of the ten completed cycles of PDM from September 2024 through June 2025. For that period, MA and MinnesotaCare PDM resulted in the following cumulative totals:

- 407,359 cases representing 842,865 MA and MinnesotaCare enrollees were selected for PDM based on their month of application.
- 77,200 MA and MinnesotaCare enrollees were identified as possibly ineligible as a result of PDM and were sent a PDM discrepancy notice.
- Coverage was terminated for 31,529 MA and MinnesotaCare enrollees as a result of PDM. Of those 22,688 MA and MinnesotaCare enrollees lost coverage due to failure to respond and 8,841 were determined ineligible.

¹ The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) (Pub. L. 116-127). Section 6008 of the FFCRA provides a temporary 6.2 percentage point increase to each qualifying state's Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) beginning January 1, 2020, and through the last day of the calendar quarter in which the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services terminates.

II. Legislation

Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0561, subdivision 4, mandates this Legislative Report:

Subd. 4. Report.

(a) By September 1, 2019, and each September 1 thereafter, the commissioner shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house and senate committees with jurisdiction over human services finance that includes the number of cases affected by periodic data matching under this section, the number of recipients identified as possibly ineligible as a result of a periodic data match, and the number of recipients whose eligibility was terminated as a result of a periodic data match. The report must also specify, for recipients whose eligibility was terminated, how many cases were closed due to failure to cooperate.

(b) This subdivision expires January 1, 2027.

III. Introduction

This report was prepared in response to Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0561, subdivision 4. It includes a brief background of the PDM process and provides the data for ten completed cycles of PDM conducted from September 2024 through June 2025 for the following measures:

- The number of cases affected by periodic data matching.
- The number of enrollees identified as possibly ineligible as a result of a periodic data match.
- The number of enrollees whose eligibility was terminated as a result of a periodic data match.
- The number of enrollees whose eligibility was terminated for failure to respond to a PDM notice.

IV. Background: The PDM process

Medical Assistance (MA) and MinnesotaCare enrollees whose eligibility is in Minnesota Eligibility Technology System (METS) are subject to PDM using electronic data sources at least once during an enrollee's 12-month period of eligibility. For MA enrollees, METS selects cases for PDM each month based on the month of application and ensures that the PDM process does not occur within three months before or after an enrollee's annual renewal. For most MinnesotaCare enrollees, PDM occurs in the months of March through August to avoid the annual renewal period that occurs each fall.

The data sources used for PDM include:

- Social Security Administration information includes:
 - Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (RSDI) benefit amounts
 - Medicare Part A information
 - Death information
- Equifax: Wage information from participating employers
- Internal Revenue Service: Income information from federal tax returns

METS requests information from these data sources via the Federal Data Services Hub, and the information returned is used to project an eligibility result for the enrollee. If the eligibility result is within the enrollee's current program requirements, there is no discrepancy and PDM is complete for that enrollee. No notice is sent to the enrollee.

However, if the PDM eligibility result is not within the enrollee's current program requirements, a discrepancy is identified indicating the enrollee may no longer qualify for their current program. A discrepancy is raised when electronic data are received indicating an enrollee has income that exceeds the program income limit, has Medicare coverage when Medicare is a barrier to program eligibility (i.e., MA for adults without children or MinnesotaCare), or the enrollee is deceased.

- If a discrepancy is identified, a system-generated notice is sent to the enrollee instructing them to resolve the discrepancy by:
 - Completing the discrepancy response form and returning it to the servicing agency listed on the discrepancy notice; or
 - Calling the servicing agency on the discrepancy notice.
- The enrollee must respond to the discrepancy notice and provide information requested within 30 days of the date on the notice. An extension beyond the 30-day period is available when an enrollee cooperates with the agency but cannot provide the information needed before the date of closure.
- When the enrollee responds, the eligibility worker reviews and acts on the information provided by the enrollee, including whether the enrollee confirms the discrepancy or disputes the discrepancy and provides an explanation that resolves the discrepancy. The worker enters the information in METS and a system-generated notice is mailed to the enrollee confirming continued eligibility, a change in program or closing of coverage, as appropriate.
- If the enrollee fails to respond to the discrepancy notice, MA or MinnesotaCare coverage is closed at the end of the month and they are mailed a closing notice.

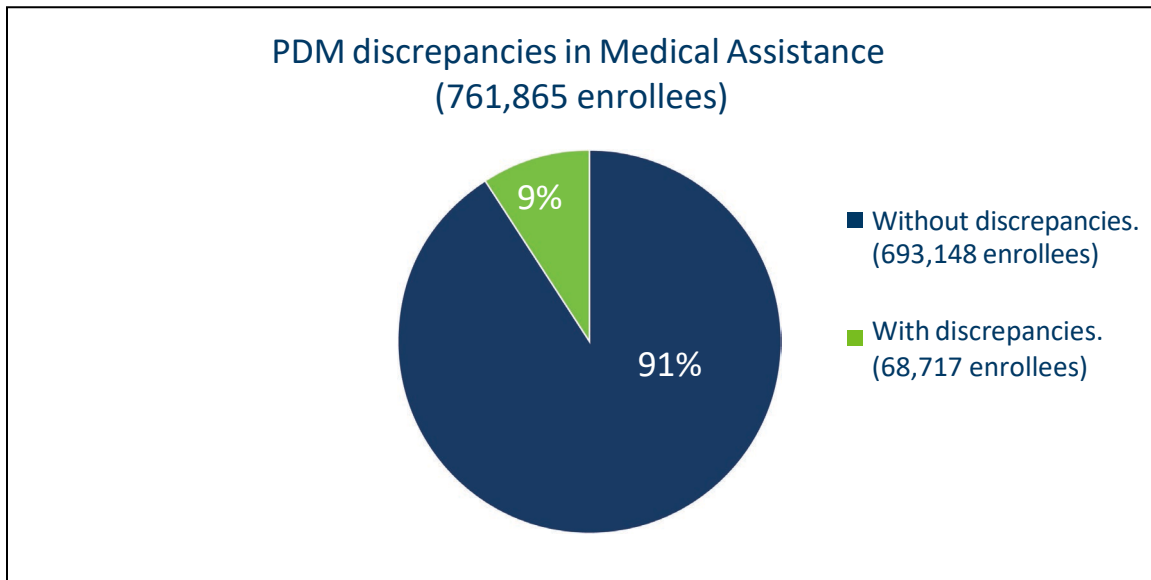
V. Periodic data matching results

Month	Health care program	Enrollees selected for PDM process	Enrollees with a PDM data discrepancy	Enrollees closed at end of month*	Enrollees closed for not responding to PDM notice	Enrollees closed due to ineligibility
September 2024	MA	82,867	11,277	4,640	3,153	1,487
September 2024	MinnesotaCare	1,008	107	35	35	0
October 2024	MA	78,077	10,308	4,192	2,793	1,399
October 2024	MinnesotaCare	1,355	121	14	14	0
November 2024	MA	69,034	6,834	3,430	2,388	1,042
November 2024	MinnesotaCare	1,726	464	77	76	1
December 2024	MA	55,525	4,874	2,391	1,643	748
December 2024	MinnesotaCare	318	16	5	5	0
January 2025	MA	62,954	5,999	2,382	1,576	806
January 2025	MinnesotaCare	407	73	25	25	0
February 2025	MA	60,072	4,658	1,847	1,230	617
February 2025	MinnesotaCare	812	29	9	8	1
March 2025	MA	72,381	4,618	1,668	1,117	551
March 2025	MinnesotaCare	11,336	807	309	305	4
April 2025	MA	85,597	4,988	1,996	1,438	558
April 2025	MinnesotaCare	19,681	1,959	762	749	13
May 2025	MA	96,919	6,619	2,397	1,771	626
May 2025	MinnesotaCare	23,807	2,493	862	846	16
June 2025	MA	98,439	8,542	3,433	2,465	968
June 2025	MinnesotaCare	20,550	2,414	1,055	1,051	4
TOTALS	MA	761,865	68,717	28,376	19,574	8,802
TOTALS	MinnesotaCare	81,000	8,483	3,153	3,114	39

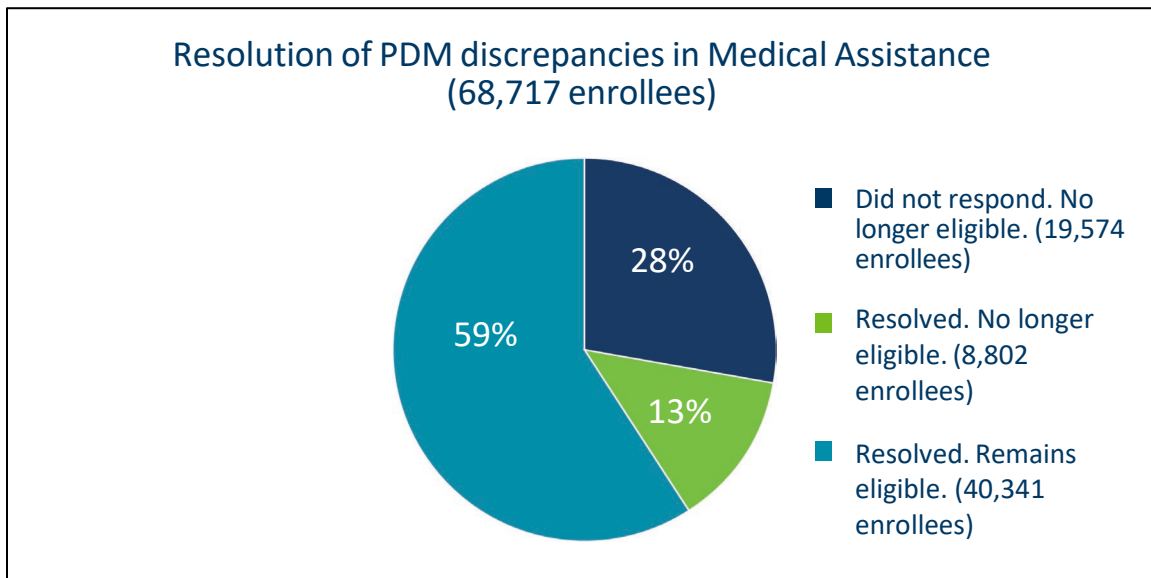
* Closing may be due to an enrollee's failure to respond to the discrepancy notice or because the enrollee was determined ineligible based on updated information they provided during the PDM process.

Results for MA enrollees

Of the 761,865 MA enrollees selected for PDM, 91% (693,148 enrollees) had no discrepancies, and 9% (68,717 enrollees) had discrepancies.

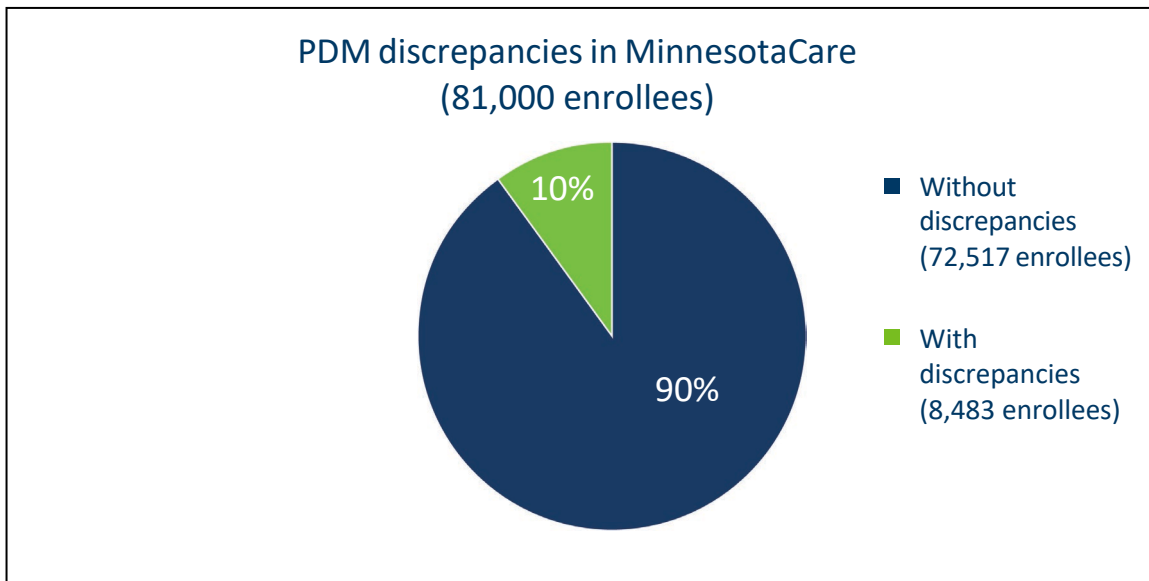


Of the 68,717 MA enrollees with data discrepancies, 59% (40,341 enrollees) resolved the discrepancies and remained eligible for MA, 28% (19,574 enrollees) were closed because they did not respond to the discrepancy notice, and 13% (8,802 enrollees) responded but were determined to no longer be eligible for MA based on the information provided.



Results for MinnesotaCare enrollees

Of the 81,000 MinnesotaCare enrollees selected for PDM, 90% (72,517 enrollees) had no discrepancies, and 10% (8,483 enrollees) had discrepancies.



Of the 8,483 MinnesotaCare enrollees with discrepancies, 63% (5,330 enrollees) resolved the discrepancies and remained eligible for MinnesotaCare, 37% (3,114 enrollees) were closed because they did not respond to the discrepancy notice, and less than 1% (39 enrollees) responded but were determined to no longer be eligible for MinnesotaCare based on the information provided.

