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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) and MinnesotaCare enrollees whose case is in the Minnesota Eligibility Technology System (METS), who may no longer qualify 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. Health care coverage is closed for enrollees who fail to respond or whose response shows program ineligibility.

This report provides an overview of the PDM process and the results for each completed cycle of PDM from July 2025 through June 2026.

This report includes the results for each of the twelve completed cycles of PDM from July 2025 through June 2026. For that period, MA and MinnesotaCare PDM resulted in the following cumulative totals:

- 1,072,316 MA and MinnesotaCare enrollees were selected for PDM based on their month of application.
- 68,864 MA and MinnesotaCare enrollees were identified as possibly ineligible as a result of PDM and were sent a PDM discrepancy notice.
- 28,835 MA and MinnesotaCare enrollees lost coverage as a result of PDM. Of those, 24,009 MA and MinnesotaCare enrollees lost coverage due to failure to respond and 4,826 were determined ineligible.

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 twelve completed cycles of PDM conducted from July 2025 through June 2026 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

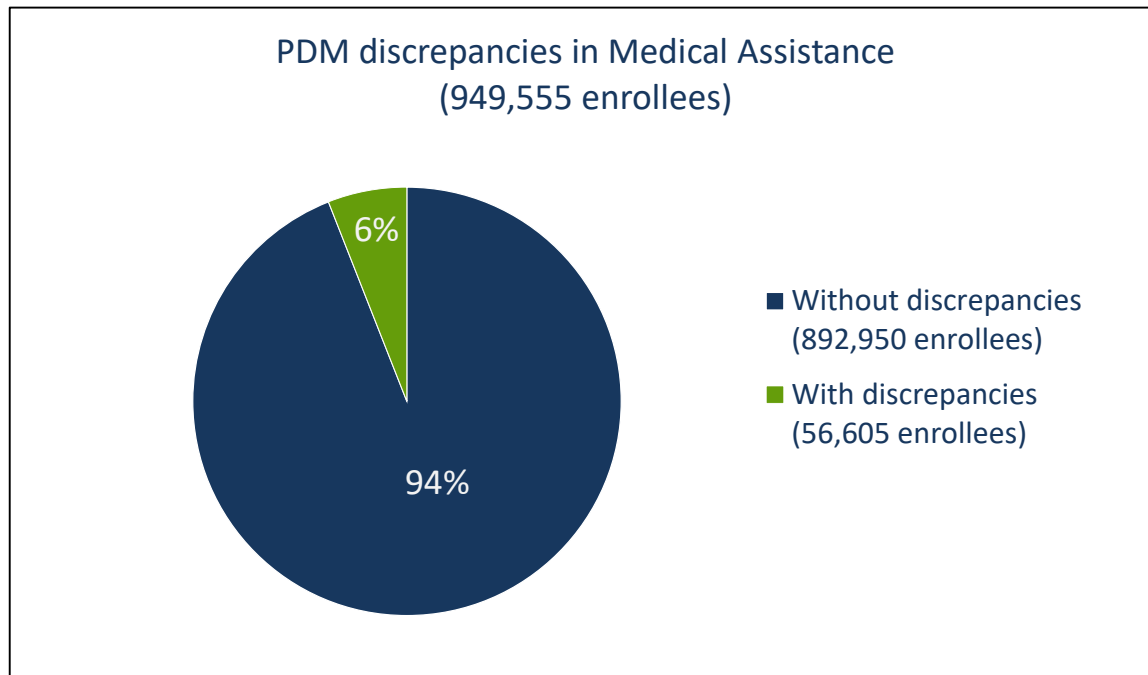
A. Results for Medical Assistance enrollees

Table 1: PDM Results for Medical Assistance (MA) Enrollees

Month	MA enrollees selected	MA enrollees with discrepancy	MA enrollees closed*	MA enrollees closed – Did not respond	MA enrollees closed – Not eligible
July 2025	87,721	7,297	2,888	2,025	863
August 2025	95,029	6,547	1,174	806	368
September 2025	72,421	4,972	1,880	1,492	388
October 2025	69,400	4,702	1,999	1,451	548
November 2025	102,980	83	2,283	1,646	637
December 2025	57,435	2,952	1,932	1,478	454
January 2026	63,217	4,763	1,938	1,469	469
February 2026	61,285	4,654	1,890	1,481	409
March 2026	72,746	4,082	1,520	1,287	233
April 2026	83,856	4,984	1,886	1,644	242
May 2026	93,583	5,419	2,527	2,420	107
June 2026	89,882	6,150	3,167	3,099	68
TOTALS	949,555	56,605	25,084	20,298	4,786

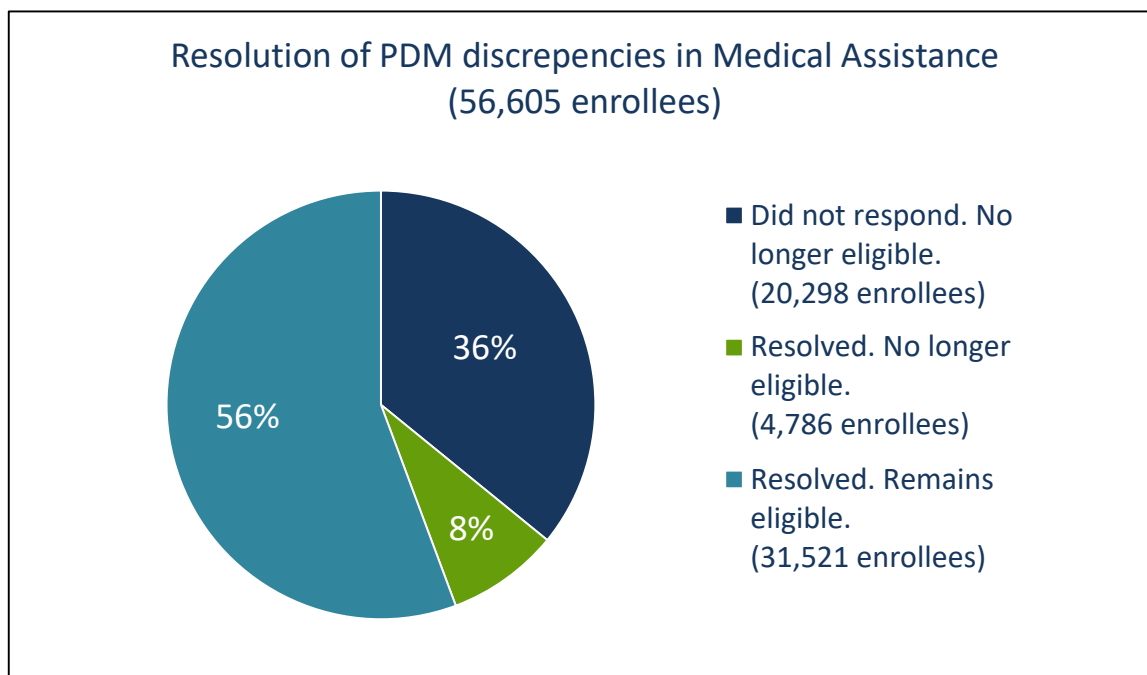
* Closing may be due to an enrollee's failure to respond to the discrepancy notice or because the enrollee was determined ineligible based on updated information they provided during the PDM process.

Figure 1: PDM Discrepancies in Medical Assistance



Of the 949,555 MA enrollees selected for PDM, 94% (892,950 enrollees) had no discrepancies, and 6% (56,605 enrollees) had discrepancies.

Figure 2: Resolution of PDM Discrepancies in Medical Assistance



Of the 56,605 MA enrollees with data discrepancies, 56% (31,521 enrollees) resolved the discrepancies and remained eligible for MA, 36% (20,298 enrollees) were closed because they did not respond to the discrepancy notice, and 8% (4,786 enrollees) responded but were determined to no longer be eligible for MA based on the information provided.

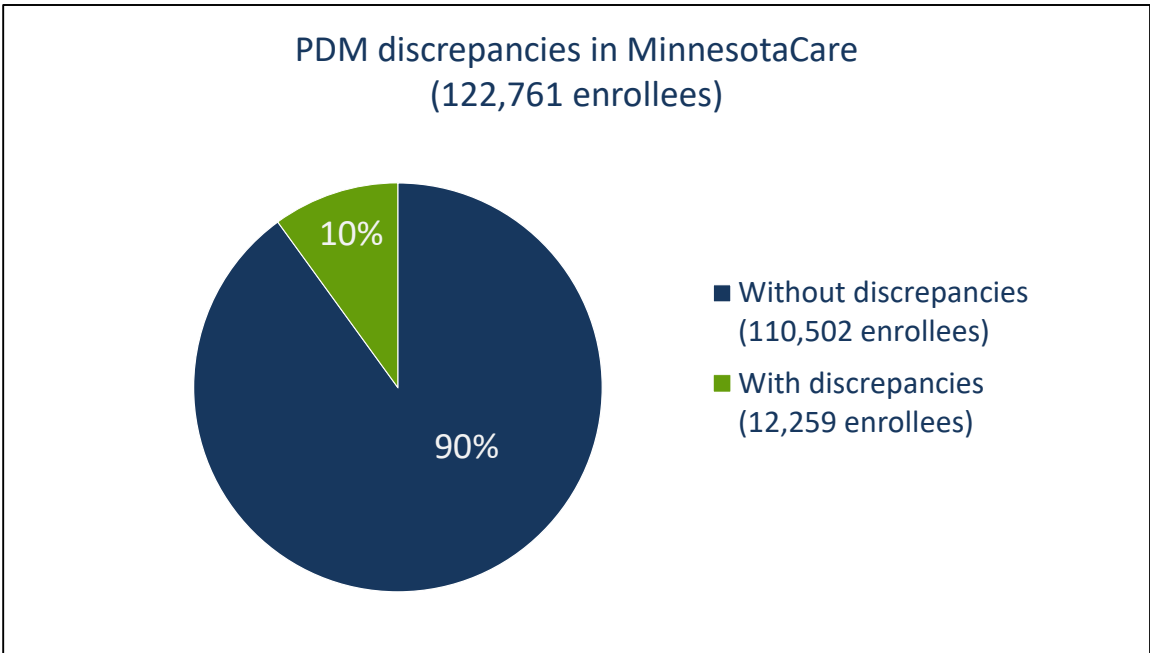
B. Results for MinnesotaCare enrollees

Table 2. PDM Results for MinnesotaCare Enrollees

Month	MinnesotaCare enrollees selected	MinnesotaCare enrollees with discrepancy	MinnesotaCare enrollees closed*	MinnesotaCare enrollees closed - Did not respond	MinnesotaCare enrollees closed - Not eligible
July 2025	25,248	2,687	1,188	1,183	5
August 2025	25,141	2,373	473	442	31
September 2025	1,542	91	25	25	0
October 2025	1,513	102	12	12	0
November 2025	3,392	152	5	5	0
December 2025	352	11	7	6	1
January 2026	422	66	23	23	0
February 2026	574	19	3	3	0
March 2026	10,291	671	199	198	1
April 2026	17,381	1,987	539	537	2
May 2026	20,219	2,065	590	590	0
June 2026	16,686	2,035	687	687	0
TOTALS	122,761	12,259	3,751	3,711	40

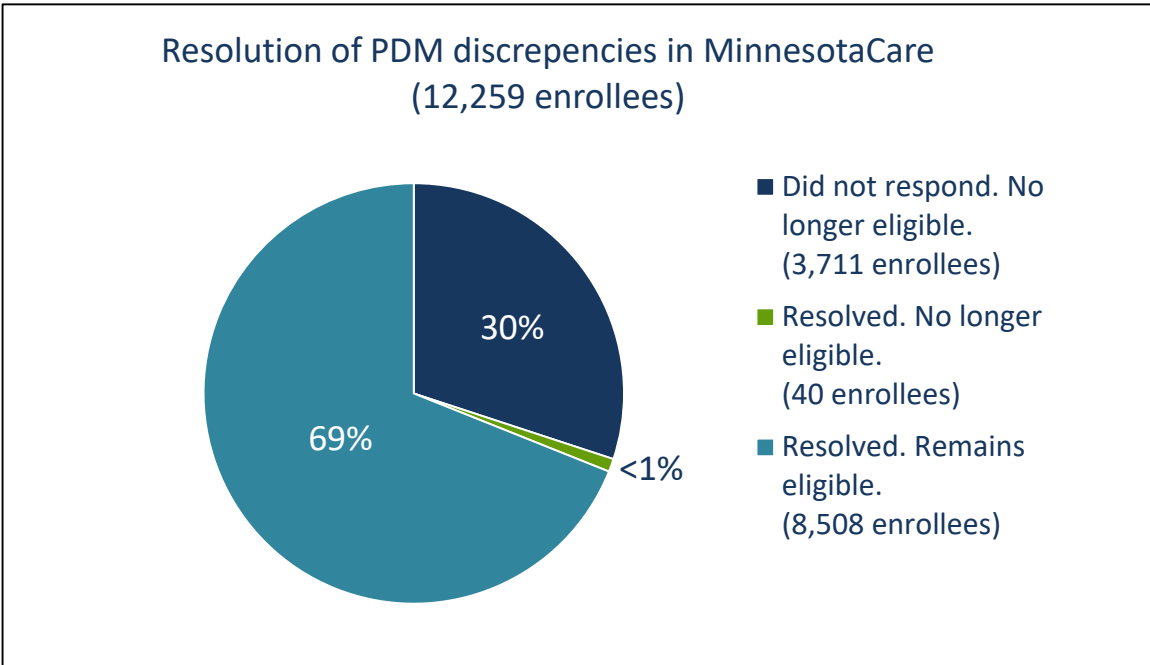
* Closing may be due to an enrollee's failure to respond to the discrepancy notice or because the enrollee was determined ineligible based on updated information they provided during the PDM process.

Figure 3: PDM Discrepancies in MinnesotaCare



Of the 122,761 MinnesotaCare enrollees selected for PDM, 90% (110,502 enrollees) had no discrepancies, and 10% (12,259 enrollees) had discrepancies.

Figure 4: Resolution of PDM discrepancies in MinnesotaCare



Of the 12,259 MinnesotaCare enrollees with discrepancies, 69% (8,508 enrollees) resolved the discrepancies and remained eligible for MinnesotaCare, 30% (3,711 enrollees) were closed because they did not respond to the discrepancy notice, and less than 1% (40 enrollees) responded but were determined to no longer be eligible for MinnesotaCare based on the information provided.