

# SeniorCare Advisory Committee & Public Meeting



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# Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- SeniorCare overview
- Waiver amendment process
- Public comments

# SeniorCare

**Program Overview and Statistics**

# SeniorCare Overview

- SeniorCare provides a comprehensive prescription drug benefit for Wisconsin residents who are age 65 and older with income at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) and are not otherwise receiving full Medicaid benefits.
- SeniorCare has been in operation since 2002.

# SeniorCare Objectives

- Keeping Wisconsin seniors healthy by providing a necessary prescription drug benefit with low administrative burden and a high level of member satisfaction.
- Helping protect the finances of low-income Wisconsin seniors by controlling prescription drug costs and reducing financial barriers to obtaining needed medications.

# SeniorCare Objectives (cont.)

Reducing the rate of increase in medical services provided to this population such as hospital, emergency department, and nursing facility services.

# Two-Part Program

- Wisconsin statute requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to operate a SeniorCare program and to request a waiver from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- The differences between the two parts of the program include difference in funding, governing agencies, and income limit thresholds.



# Two-Part Program (cont.)

- Levels 1 and 2a are the waiver program portion of SeniorCare.
- The waiver portion of SeniorCare is:
  - For individuals with income up to 200 percent of the FPL.
  - Governed by state and federal rules.
  - Funded by state and federal funds.

# Two-Part Program (cont.)

- Levels 2b and 3 are the non-waiver, also known as the State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (SPAP) portion, of SeniorCare.
- The SPAP portion of SeniorCare is:
  - For individuals with income over 200 percent of the FPL.
  - Funded by General Purpose Revenue (GPR).
  - Not federally funded.

# Enrollment

- Waiver program enrollment is about 41,000 people per month.
- Non-waiver (state-only) enrollment is about 56,000 people per month.

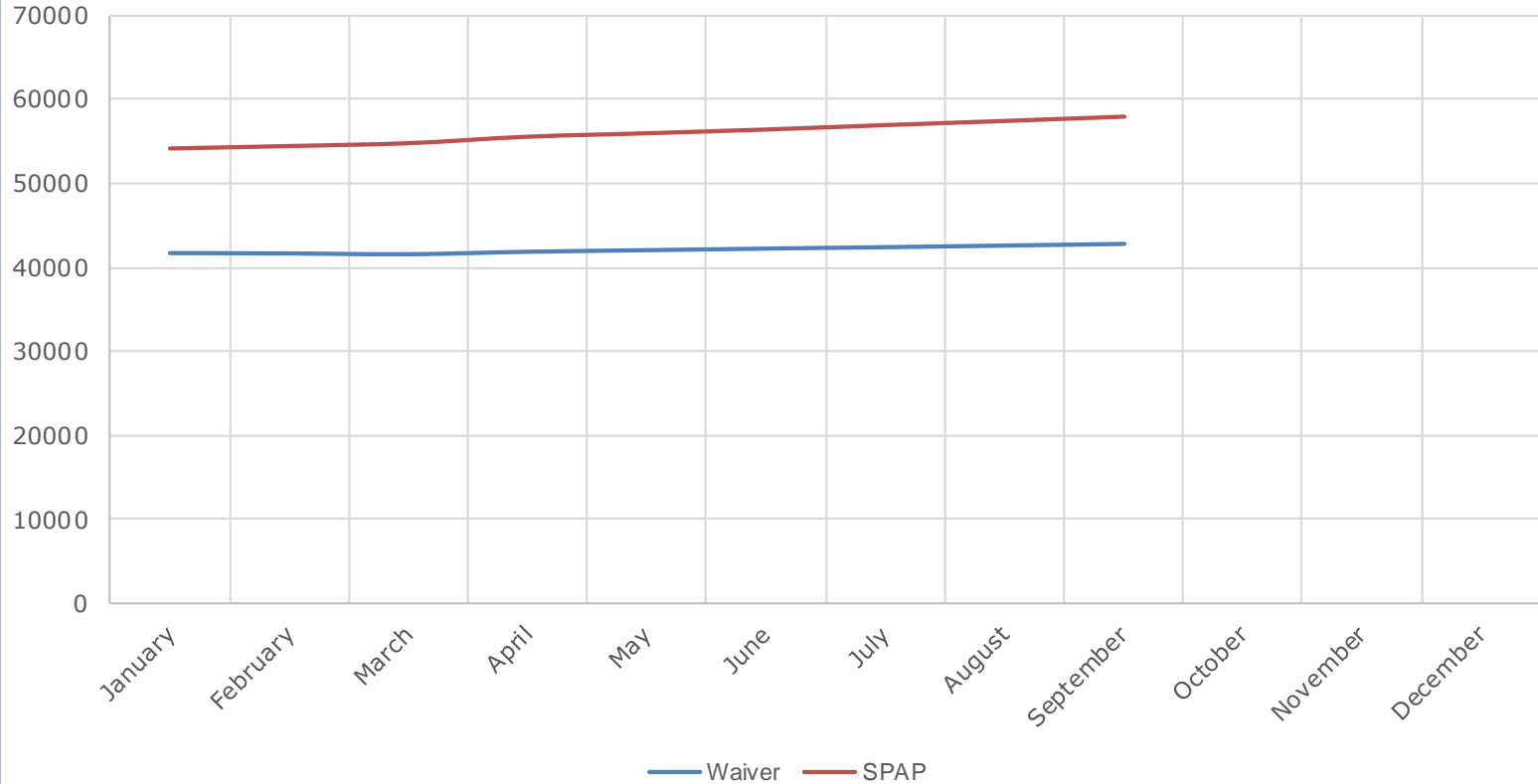
# 2019 Renewal Rates

Month	Enrollment	New Applications	Renewals Due	Renewals Received	Disenrolled	Renewal Rate
January	43,552	1,350	5,570	4,456	1,294	77%
February	43,295	1,081	4,815	3,662	1,153	76%
March	43,089	1,456	5,332	4,294	1,038	80%
April	43,013	1,182	4,947	3,972	975	80%
May	42,799	1,343	5,269	4,379	890	83%
June	42,712	1,293	4,715	3,766	462	80%

# 2019 Renewal Rates (cont.)

Month	Enrollment	New Applications	Renewals Due	Renewals Received	Disenrolled	Renewal Rate
July	42,646	1,297	4,229	3,647	582	86%
August	42,529	1,409	7,059	5,999	1,060	84%
September	42,226	1,045	5,170	4,192	978	81%
October	41,922	1,629	6,572	5,425	1,147	82%
November	41,924	2,475	9,611	7,994	1,617	83%
December	41,913	2,781	13,827	11,165	2,662	80%
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,635*</b>	<b>18,341</b>	<b>77,116</b>	<b>62,951</b>	<b>13,856</b>	<b>82%*</b>

## SeniorCare Enrollment 2020



# Pharmacy Statistics

	2017	2018	2019
Paid amount	\$102,314,138	\$107,554,103	\$106,198,844
Number of claims	1,703,270	1,605,225	1,470,710
Paid amount PMPY/ eligible member	-	\$1,008.62	\$977.64
Paid amount PMPY/ utilizing member	\$1,499.61	\$1,732.041	\$1,800.04
Average number of claims per member	27	26	25

# SeniorCare Waiver Amendment

**Process and Proposed Coverage**



# Current Waiver

- The Division of Medicaid Services (DMS) submitted an application to extend the SeniorCare waiver on June 15, 2018.
- CMS approved the waiver application on April 12, 2019, for an unprecedented 10-year extension.
- The SeniorCare waiver will expire on December 31, 2028.

# Waiver Amendment

- DMS is required to submit any proposed changes to the SeniorCare waiver to CMS.
  - The change must be submitted as an amendment to the waiver.
  - DMS must receive approval of the amendment before implementing any changes to the benefit.
- DMS plans to submit an amendment to the SeniorCare waiver to CMS in November 2020.

# Waiver Amendment Process

Steps in the process include:

- Tribal consultation prior to amendment submission.
- Notice to the Wisconsin Legislature.
- A hearing to offer the public an opportunity to learn more about the waiver amendment and comment on it.
- A 14-day public comment period.

# Vaccine Coverage

- 2019 Wisconsin Act 185 was enacted on April 16, 2020.
- Act 185 requires SeniorCare to cover vaccines that are recommended for administration to adults by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- A waiver amendment is required to include vaccine coverage under the SeniorCare program.

# Vaccine Coverage (cont.)

SeniorCare plans to cover the following vaccines:

- Influenza
- Pneumococcal
- Diphtheria
- Tetanus
- Pertussis
- Shingles
- Meningococcal
- Hepatitis A and B
- Varicella Zoster (chicken pox)

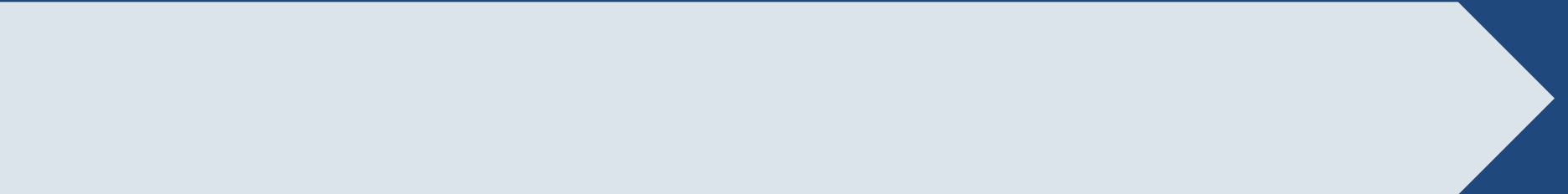
# Vaccine Coverage (cont.)

- Members will be able to receive vaccines through their local pharmacy from a pharmacist trained to give vaccinations.
  - A pharmacist may administer any vaccine listed in the current immunization schedules recommended by the federal advisory committee on immunization practices and published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
  - No prescription is required.
- SeniorCare is the payer of last resort and will coordinate benefits with Medicare Part D.

# Vaccine Coverage (cont.)

- There will be no out-of-pocket expenses.

# Public Comments





# Providing Comments

- You are welcome to share your comments about SeniorCare at this time.
- For those of you that are participating via Zoom, please select the raise hand icon and wait for your name to be called.
- For those of you who are participating via phone, please wait until callers are asked to speak. Callers will be identified by the last four digits of your phone number.

# Providing Comments (cont.)

- You will have 2-3 minutes to speak.
- When you speak, please make sure to speak clearly and loud enough so you can be heard.

# Providing Comments (cont.)

- Written comments on the proposed amendment are welcomed from September 23 through October 23, 2020.
- Written comments can be submitted to DMS via:
  - Email: [DHSSeniorCare@dhs.Wisconsin.gov](mailto:DHSSeniorCare@dhs.Wisconsin.gov)
  - Mail: Department of Health Services  
Attn: Tiffany Reilly Room 330  
1 West Wilson Street, P.O. Box 309  
Madison, WI 53707-0309

# Providing Comments (cont.)

You may provide written comments in your desired language.

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