2026 Medicaid Managed Care Congress

Essential Strategies to Succeed in the New Landscape of Medicaid Managed Care and its Expansion: Navigating CMS Regulations, States and Health Plan Collaboration to Improve Healthcare and Reduce Costs, Boost Network Adequacy, Integrate Social Determinants, and More!

November 2 – 3, 2026 • Loews Vanderbilt Hotel • Nashville, TN

Overview

Join healthcare leaders, policymakers, providers, and payers for an in-depth exploration of the evolving landscape of Medicaid Managed Care. This conference will provide a comprehensive overview of current challenges, innovations, and policy developments shaping Medicaid delivery systems across the United States. Topics will include improving health equity, integrating behavioral health, addressing social determinants of health, enhancing care coordination, and leveraging data analytics to drive outcomes. Attendees will gain valuable insights through experts, case studies, and networking opportunities, all aimed at advancing high-quality, cost-effective care for Medicaid populations.

We have created an exciting, high-level forum featuring knowledgeable leaders and executives from the nation's leading Medicaid Health Plans and State Government Agencies who will share their perspectives, valuable insights and expertise on how to be best equipped for the rapidly evolving landscape of Medicaid Managed Care. Attendees will benefit from learning about best practices and strategies that have been deployed to address the challenges in transforming Medicaid Managed Care. Topics include improving network adequacy, enhancing member access to quality healthcare, boosting member enrollment/engagement, managing carved in services, integrating social determinants, enhancing care coordination/collaboration and reducing the overall healthcare spending.

By attending the 2026 Medicaid Managed Care Congress, you will learn what others in the Medicaid Managed Care arena are doing to succeed in transforming the nation’s healthcare and its Medicaid member population.

Intended Audience

From States, Government Agencies, Health Plans, Hospitals & Managed Care Organizations:

Medicaid Directors, Chief Executive Officers, Chief Operating Officers, Chief Financial Officers, Chief Medical Officers, Chief Strategy Officers & Chief Information Officers

Also, Presidents, Vice Presidents, Directors & Managers of:

- State Medicaid
- Managed Care
- Health Services/Healthcare Programs
- Human/Social Services
- Quality Improvement
- Government/State-Sponsored Programs
- Population Health Management
- Medical Management
- Long-Term Care
- Behavioral Health
- Medicaid
- Policy Analysis
- Compliance
- Quality Assurance
- Healthcare Financing
- CHIP
- Health Promotion & Wellness
- Community Health
- Medical Assistance
- Clinical Affairs

- Finance
- Care Management
- Operations
- Regulatory Affairs
- Pharmacy
- Sales & Marketing
- Network Development
- Care Management
- Disease Management
- Innovation

This program is also geared towards Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Hospitals, Providers, Vendors, Employers, Purchasers, Physician Groups, Behavioral Health Centers, Wellness & Prevention Companies, Healthcare Technology Innovators, Healthcare Consultants, Solution Providers, Data Analytics Providers, Pharmacy Benefit Managers, Disease Management Organizations, Home Health Care Companies, Third Party Administrators, Pharmaceutical & Medical Device Companies, IT & Business Process Outsourcing Companies, Enrollment Brokers and More!

Preliminary Agenda

(Topics Subject to Change Based on Final Speaker Presentations)

Day One – Monday, November 2, 2026

7:15 Conference Registration & Networking Breakfast

8:15 Chairperson's Opening Remarks

Nancy Everitt, PMP
Chief Executive Officer
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8:30 Lessons to Improve Population Health – Examining Clinical Guidelines for Medicaid Managed Care Organizations

Purvee Kempf
Deputy Executive Director
DC Health Benefit Exchange Authority

9:15 Why Integrated Care Is Harder Than It Looks: Five Rules of Complexity for States and Plans

Nancy Everitt, PMP
Chief Executive Officer
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10:00 Networking & Refreshments Break

10:30 Community Partnerships, Investment, and Social Solutions for Medicaid Members

Jo Ellen McNamara
Vice President, Housing+Health Relationship
National Equity Fund

11:15 Innovations in Integrated Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder Care for Medicaid Managed Care

Julia Rupp
Chief Executive Officer
West Michigan Community Mental Health

12:00 Luncheon for All Attendees & Speakers

1:15 Medicaid Data and Tech Innovations - VBC, Implementing AI, and Member Level Insights

Dave Meyer
Principal
Cogent Advisors
Lead, Risk Adjustment Practice
EBG Associates

2:00 Federal Policy Landscape: Impacts on Health Coverage in Massachusetts

Kaitlyn Kenney Walsh, PhD
President & CEO
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation

3:00 Networking & Refreshments Break

3:30 Impact and Opportunity in the Excellence in Mental Health Act for Medicaid Managed Care

Lisa Williams, PhD
Chief Executive Officer
BtC Advisory
Former CEO
Centerstone & West Michigan CMH

4:15 Transforming Health Outcomes, Improving Health Literacy, and Increasing Patient Engagement in Medicaid Populations

Nzinga Lowe
Chief Executive Officer
Pygmalion Health

5:00 End of Day One

Day Two – Tuesday, November 3, 2026

7:15 Networking Breakfast

8:15 Chairperson's Recap of Day One

Nancy Everitt, PMP
Chief Executive Officer
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8:30 Growth Examining Innovative Programs & Trends in Medicaid Managed Care

Snigdha Udupi
Vice President, Healthcare
Capstone

9:15 Value-Based Agreements That Actually Pay: A 2027 Playbook

Natalia Bournane
Director, Managed Care Contracting
VNS Health

10:00 Networking & Refreshments Break

10:30 Causality an Emerging Method in Healthcare for Medicaid Managed Care

Robert Ripley, MD
Founder
Quantum Health

11:30 Conference Concludes

Workshop Session

Monday, November 2, 2026 • 5:05 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

HHH – Healthcare Happy Hour: Enhancing the Hospital Emergency Department/POC for Integrated Mental Health, Medicare Advantage and the Medicaid Managed Care Population

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