

## Forecasting the CMS Eligible Rate Cell

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The Agency will introduce a new MMA rate cell called CMS Eligible in October 2026. This rate cell will be for Medicaid recipients who are eligible for CMS Plan, but are **NOT** in CMS Plan. The following table shows the rate cell distribution of CMS Eligible Medicaid recipients. For example, about 3% of recipients in the Child Welfare rate cell are CMS Eligible. The time frame of the data used for the percentage calculation is from November 2025 to May 2026.

This table shows the rate cell distribution of CMS Eligible recipients.

| Rate Cell                        | Percentage that are CMS Eligible |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| CHILD WELFARE                    | 3.10%                            |
| HIV/AIDS DUAL ELIGIBLE           | 0.07%                            |
| HIV/AIDS MEDICAID ONLY           | 0.37%                            |
| HIV/AIDS SPECIALTY MEDICAID ONLY | 0.04%                            |
| SSI DUAL                         | 0.04%                            |
| SSI MEDICAID                     | 2.95%                            |
| TANF 0-13                        | 0.54%                            |
| TANF 14+                         | 0.54%                            |

This table shows the average Medicaid caseload grouped by rate cell and state fiscal year. These averages are based on the adopted forecasts.

| Rate Cell                        | 2026-27   | 2027-28   | 2028-29   | 2029-30   | 2030-31   | 2031-32   |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| CHILD WELFARE                    | 57,883    | 57,883    | 57,883    | 57,883    | 57,883    | 57,883    |
| HIV/AIDS DUAL ELIGIBLE           | 1,354     | 1,354     | 1,354     | 1,354     | 1,354     | 1,354     |
| HIV/AIDS MEDICAID ONLY           | 5,740     | 5,916     | 5,916     | 5,916     | 5,916     | 5,916     |
| HIV/AIDS SPECIALTY MEDICAID ONLY | 2,954     | 2,954     | 2,954     | 2,954     | 2,954     | 2,954     |
| SSI DUAL                         | 52,931    | 53,090    | 53,249    | 53,409    | 53,569    | 53,730    |
| SSI MEDICAID                     | 251,131   | 252,385   | 253,648   | 254,916   | 256,190   | 257,471   |
| TANF 0-13                        | 1,331,863 | 1,335,858 | 1,338,530 | 1,341,207 | 1,343,890 | 1,346,577 |
| TANF 14+                         | 968,891   | 977,611   | 986,410   | 995,287   | 1,004,244 | 1,013,283 |

*This table shows how CMS Eligible caseload is forecasted by multiplying: (Percentage that are CMS Eligible) x (Caseload for respective rate cell).*

*For example, the Child Welfare portion of CMS Eligible in SFY 2026-27 is calculated by the following: 3.10% x 57,883 = 1,794.*

| Rate Cell                        | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 2030-31 | 2031-32 |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| SSI MEDICAID                     | 7,435   | 7,450   | 7,491   | 7,531   | 7,571   | 7,609   |
| TANF 0-13                        | 7,238   | 7,252   | 7,264   | 7,277   | 7,289   | 7,302   |
| TANF 14+                         | 5,239   | 5,269   | 5,316   | 5,363   | 5,411   | 5,459   |
| CHILD WELFARE                    | 1,794   | 1,794   | 1,794   | 1,794   | 1,794   | 1,794   |
| HIV/AIDS MEDICAID ONLY           | 23      | 24      | 24      | 24      | 24      | 24      |
| SSI DUAL                         | 25      | 25      | 25      | 25      | 25      | 26      |
| HIV/AIDS SPECIALTY MEDICAID ONLY | 1       | 1       | 1       | 1       | 1       | 1       |
| HIV/AIDS DUAL ELIGIBLE           | 1       | 1       | 1       | 1       | 1       | 1       |
| Total CMS Eligible Rate Cell     | 21,756  | 21,816  | 21,916  | 22,016  | 22,116  | 22,216  |

*This table shows the growth rates of the CMS Eligible caseload derived purely from the CMS Eligible rate cell distribution percentages.*

| State Fiscal Year | CMS Eligible<br>Average Caseload | Growth Rate |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 2026-27           | 21,756                           |             |
| 2027-28           | 21,816                           | 0.28%       |
| 2028-29           | 21,916                           | 0.46%       |
| 2029-30           | 22,016                           | 0.46%       |
| 2030-31           | 22,116                           | 0.45%       |
| 2031-32           | 22,216                           | 0.45%       |

*The Post-Conference Adopted SSEC Caseload book reflects the new rate cell starting October 2026. The caseload for the historical rate cells (TANF, SSI, Child Welfare, etc.) of these CMS eligible recipients was adjusted to reflect the backing out of the CMS Eligible recipients to reflect the caseload for the new CMS Eligible rate cell. Due to rounding, small variances of less than one can happen month to month.*