

# A Look At The Numbers

# Medicaid Managed Care: The Right Model for Kentucky

The state of Kentucky partners with managed care organizations (MCOs) to serve the healthcare needs of individuals facing economic and social barriers. MCOs align with state requirements to deliver a higher standard of healthcare.



Public resources  
Accountability  
Oversight



Private sector capital  
Expertise  
Innovation



This partnership leads to higher quality care and improved health outcomes for members enrolled in Medicaid—while also managing Medicaid costs.

## 9 in 10

Kentuckians enrolled in Medicaid receive care through MCOs<sup>1</sup>

## 82%

Of Kentucky adults rated their MCO an 8/10 or higher<sup>2</sup>

## \$1.2-1.7 billion

In overall Kentucky Medicaid savings in 2019 as a result of the managed care model<sup>1</sup>

## MCOs enable Kentucky to:

### Deliver Value & Predictability



- ↑ With managed care, Kentucky pays a fixed, per-member, per-month rate.
- ↓ Preventive services coordinated by MCOs helped save Kentucky taxpayers \$194 million in 2017.<sup>1</sup>
- ↑ 90% of every Medicaid managed care dollar is spent directly on healthcare services, putting Kentucky's administrative efficiency ratio in the top 10 nationally.<sup>1</sup>
- ↑ In 2021, 0.04% was the managed care model's national Medicaid improper payment rate, compared to fee for service's 13.90%.<sup>3</sup>

### Increase Quality of Care



- ↑ MCOs integrate physical and mental health services to better monitor all aspects of patients' health.
- ↓ Between 2016 and 2019, Kentucky's MCOs have seen:
  - 2.6% increase in access to prenatal and postpartum care.
  - 6.1% increase in access to blood pressure screenings and control.
  - 3% increase in access to children's preventive care services for children ages 3-6, and 7.3% increase for children 0-15 mos.<sup>1</sup>
- ↑ MCOs are regularly reviewed by state agencies and the National Committee on Quality Assurance (NCQA), and held accountable for up to 69 NCQA quality measures.<sup>4</sup>

### Improve Population Health



- ↑ In Kentucky, MCOs are working to address food and housing insecurity as well as provide employment training and prevent social isolation.<sup>1</sup>
- ↑ In 2019, Kentucky's Medicaid program had 55 MAT prescriptions for every 100 opioid prescriptions, far above the nationwide ratio of 35 MAT prescriptions per 100 opioid prescriptions.<sup>1</sup>
- ↓ Decreased circulation in legs is a serious complication of advanced diabetes. After implementing Medicaid managed care, Kentucky saw a 17% decrease in amputations due to untreated diabetes.<sup>1</sup>