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Medicaid Enrollment

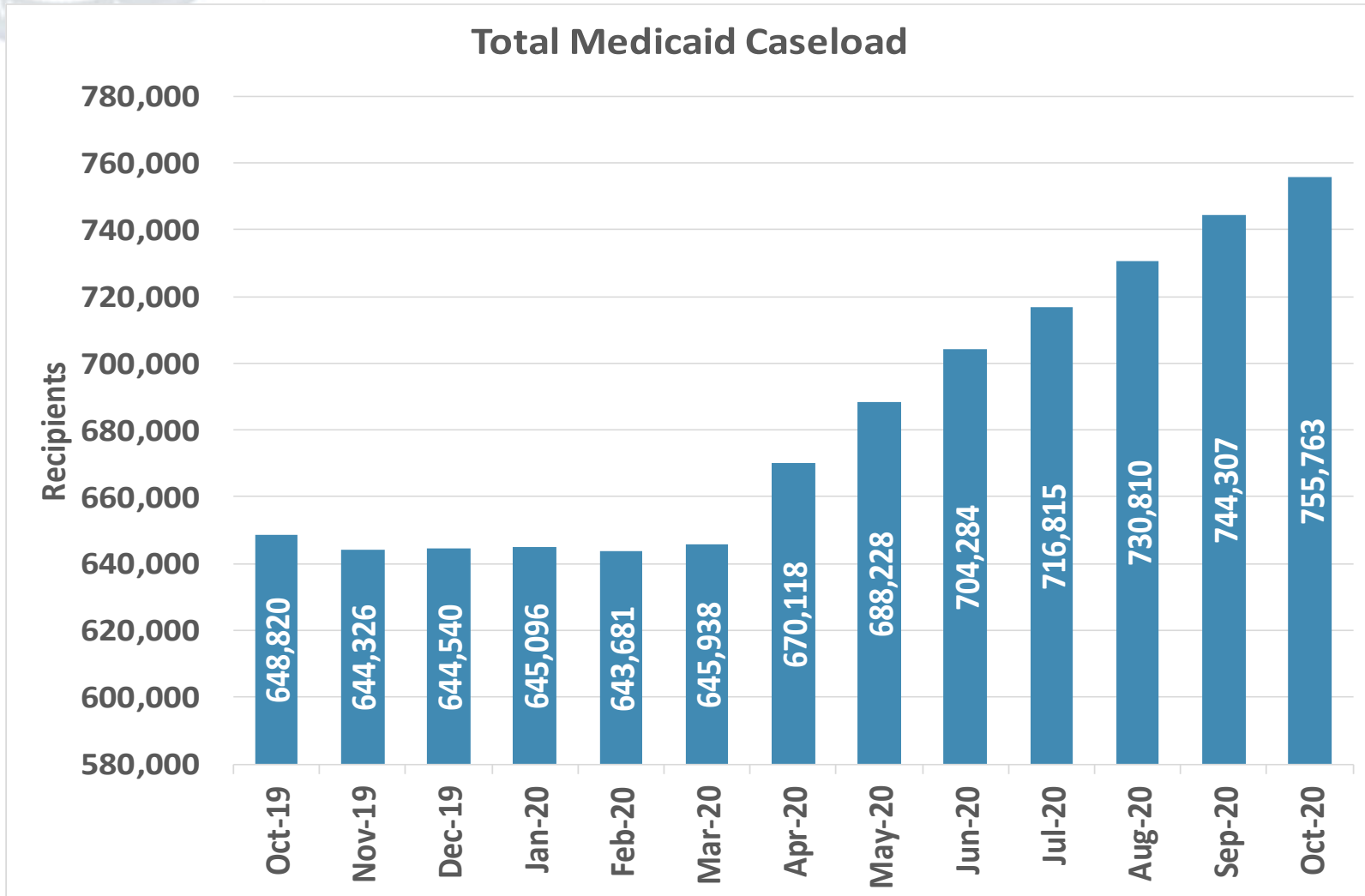
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Total Nevada Medicaid Caseloads (October 2020)



Nevada Medicaid Caseload Update (October 2020)

- As of October 2020, Nevada's Total Medicaid caseload increased by 112,082 recipients since February 2020, a 17.4% increase.
- The year-over-year change in the Medicaid caseload since October 2019 was 16.5%.
- The **Total Medicaid plus Check Up** caseload was 782,356 in October 2020. Approximately 25% of the state's population (1 in 4 Nevadans) is on one of these programs based on the State Demographer's March 2020 population estimates.
- Nevada's **unemployment rate** increased from 3.6% in February to 30.1% in April 2020. The preliminary unemployment rate for September is 12.6%. Nevada is second only to Hawaii (15.1%). The October rate is not yet available.



NV Medicaid Caseload by Budget Category

Category	SFY21 Blended FMAP	Sep-20	Oct-20	Difference	Average Monthly Change Last 12 Months
CHIP to Medicaid	80.55%	11,791	12,130	339	(66)
Parents and Children	68.11%	354,759	360,010	5,251	4,442
Newly Eligible	90.00%	256,397	262,190	5,793	4,316
Aged, Blind and Disabled	68.11%	102,904	103,040	136	262
Waiver	68.11%	5,885	5,881	(4)	33
County Match	68.11%	1,408	1,393	(15)	1
Child Welfare	68.11%	11,163	11,119	(44)	(76)
Total Medicaid		744,307	755,763	11,456	8,912
Check Up	80.55%	26,413	26,593	180	(78)

- The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) increased the regular FMAP by 6.2 percentage points from January 1, 2020 through the end of the calendar quarter during which the emergency ends. This increase flows through the regular FMAP into the calculation of the Enhanced (CHIP) FMAP and the ACA Enhanced (CHIP) FMAP. The Coronavirus Enhanced FMAPs are available during the quarters when the emergency declaration is in place. In the table above, it is assumed that the emergency declaration continues from January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.



Nevada Medicaid Caseload by Budget Category

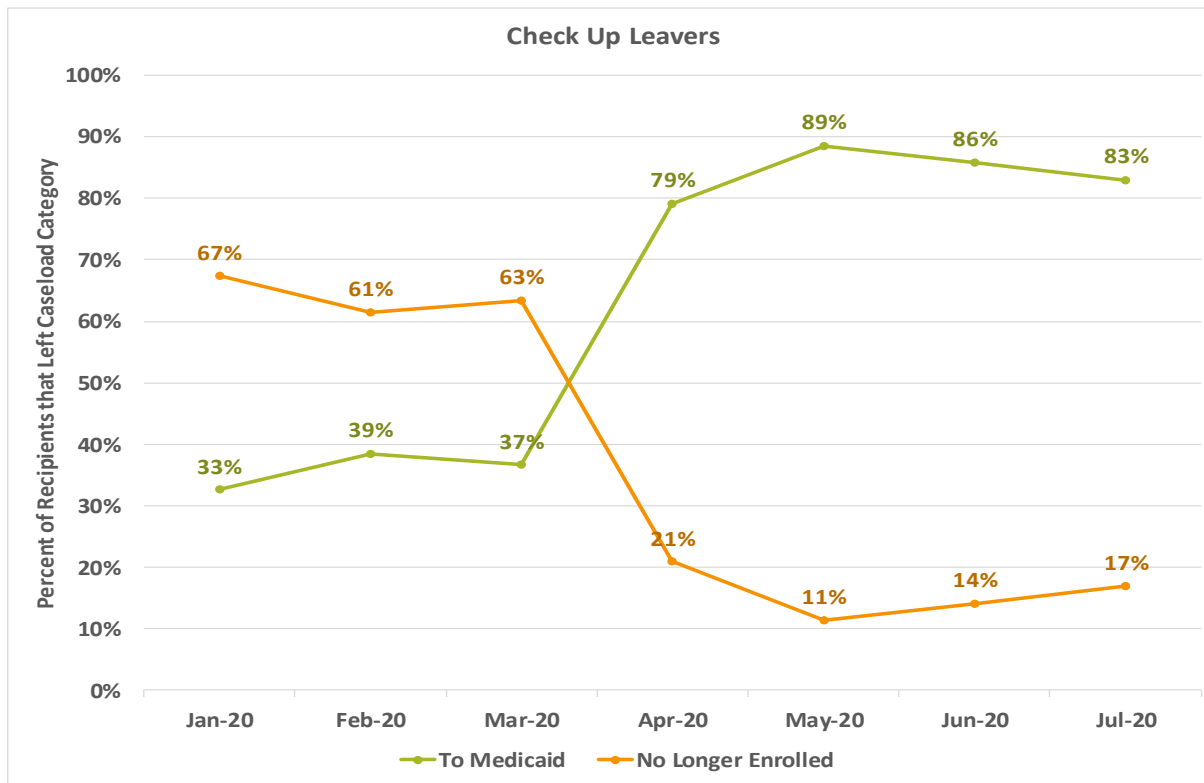
The table below shows the growth in each caseload since February 2020. The largest growth occurred in the **Parents and Children** and **Newly Eligible Adults** categories, increasing 19.5% and 25.6% respectively since February 2020.

Category	SFY21 Blended FMAP	Change Since Feb-20	% Change
CHIP to Medicaid	80.55%	(1,459)	-10.7%
Parents and Children	68.11%	58,761	19.5%
Newly Eligible	90.00%	53,384	25.6%
Aged, Blind and Disabled	68.11%	2,171	2.2%
Waiver	68.11%	306	5.5%
County Match	68.11%	13	0.9%
Child Welfare	68.11%	(1,094)	-9.0%
Total Medicaid		112,082	17.4%
Check Up	80.55%	(991)	-3.6%



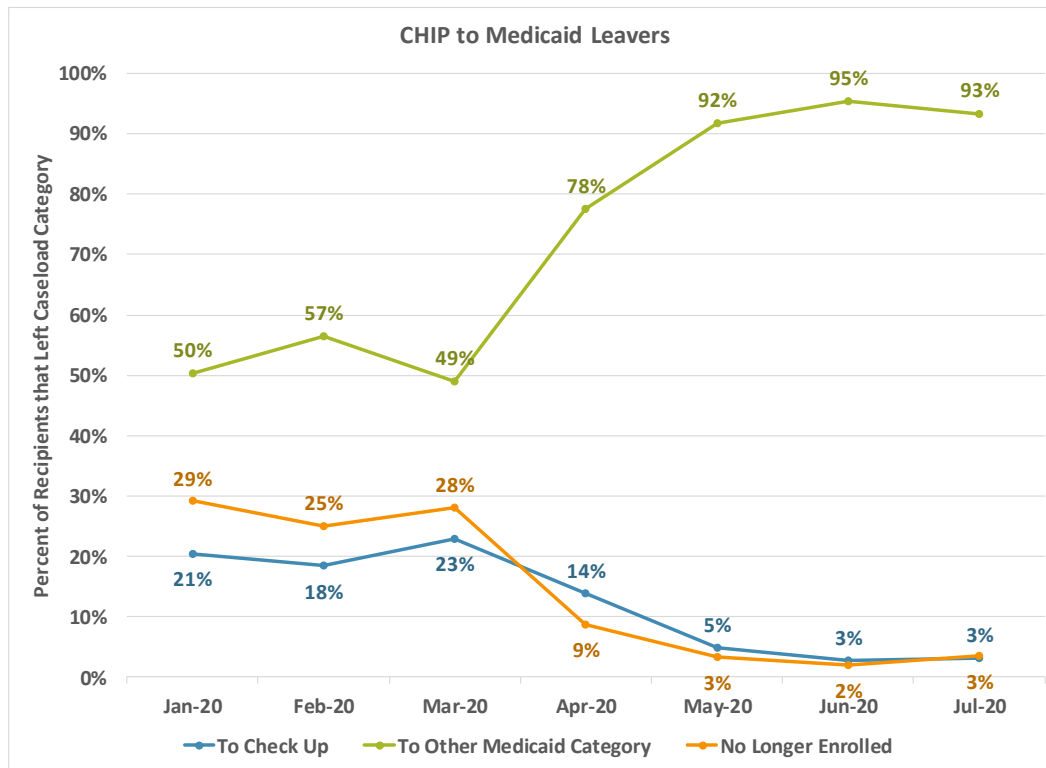
Nevada Check Up Leavers

Prior to the pandemic, most of the recipients that left the **Check Up** program were no longer enrolled in any Medicaid program. Following the start of the pandemic, most recipients leaving Check Up actually moved onto Medicaid due to declining household incomes.



CHIP to Medicaid Leavers

For **CHIP to Medicaid**, almost all recipients leaving the caseload moved to other Medicaid categories due to declining household incomes. (The income eligibility for this group is between 123% to 138% FPL. If household income falls below this level, the recipient would be eligible under the Parents and Children category.)



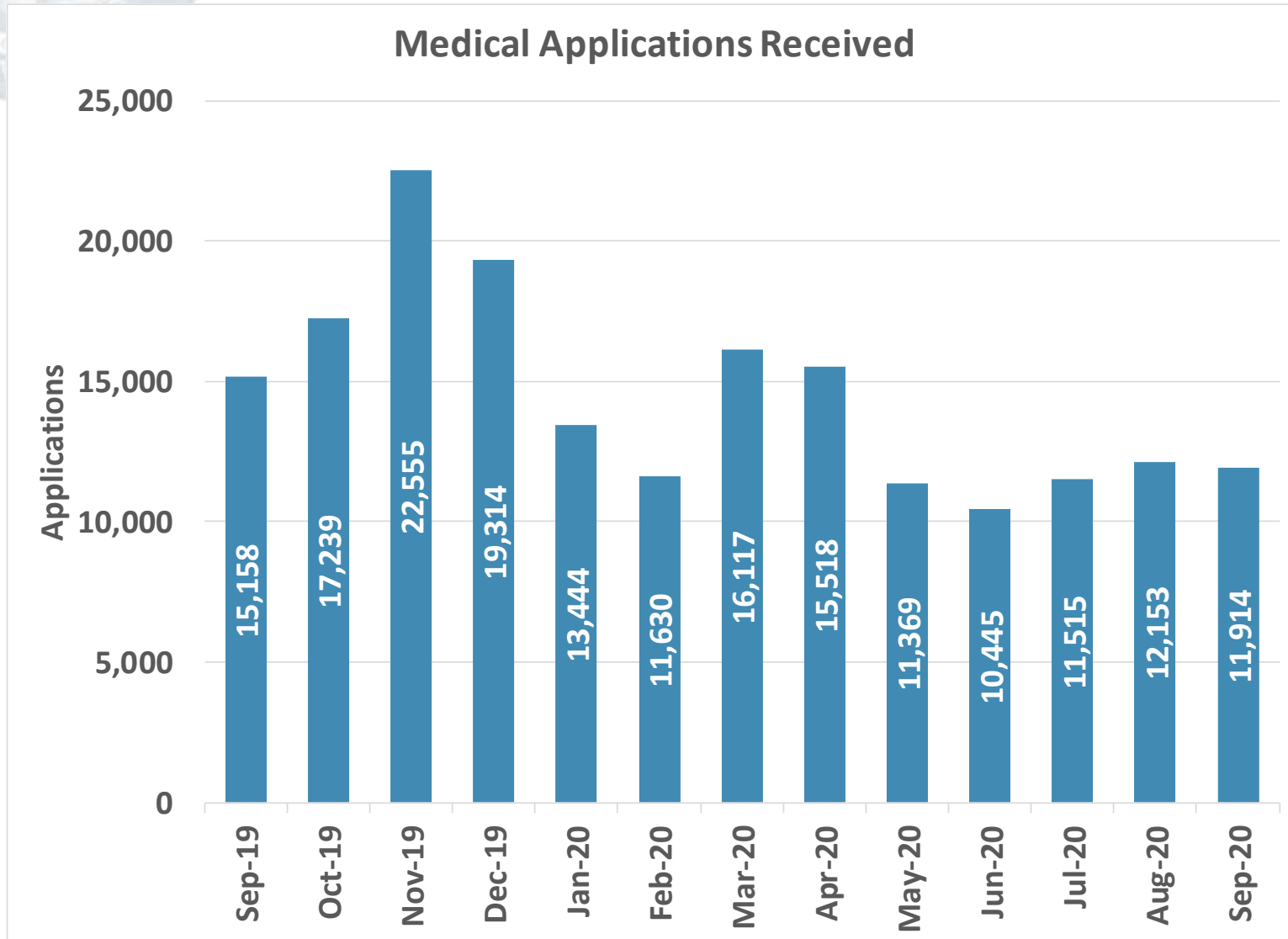


Medical Applications

- The number of medical **applications received** (Medicaid plus Check Up) is lower than is typical for September. Applications submitted tend to peak in October through December due to Nevada Health Link's open enrollment period.
- In October 2020, the average number of medical **applications pending processing** was 5,341, down slightly from the prior month and considerably below the CY 2019 average of 6,382 pending applications per month.
- The share of **medical applications approved** during calendar year 2020 to date is 59.5%, a little below the approval percentage from calendar year 2019 (60.5%).
- This data suggests that much of the caseload growth that we are seeing is tied to the elimination of redeterminations and disenrollments during the public health emergency.



Medical Applications Continued





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Acronyms

- CHIP – Children’s Health Insurance Program
- DWSS – Division of Welfare and Supportive Services
- DWSS-ILD – Division of Welfare and Supportive Services Individual Level Data
- FFCRA – Families First Corona Virus Act
- FMAP – Federal Medical Assistance Percentage