



California  
Children's  
Trust

# MCO 101: THE GROWING IMPORTANCE AND CENTRICITY OF MEDICAL MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS IN CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

Overview and Call-to-Action

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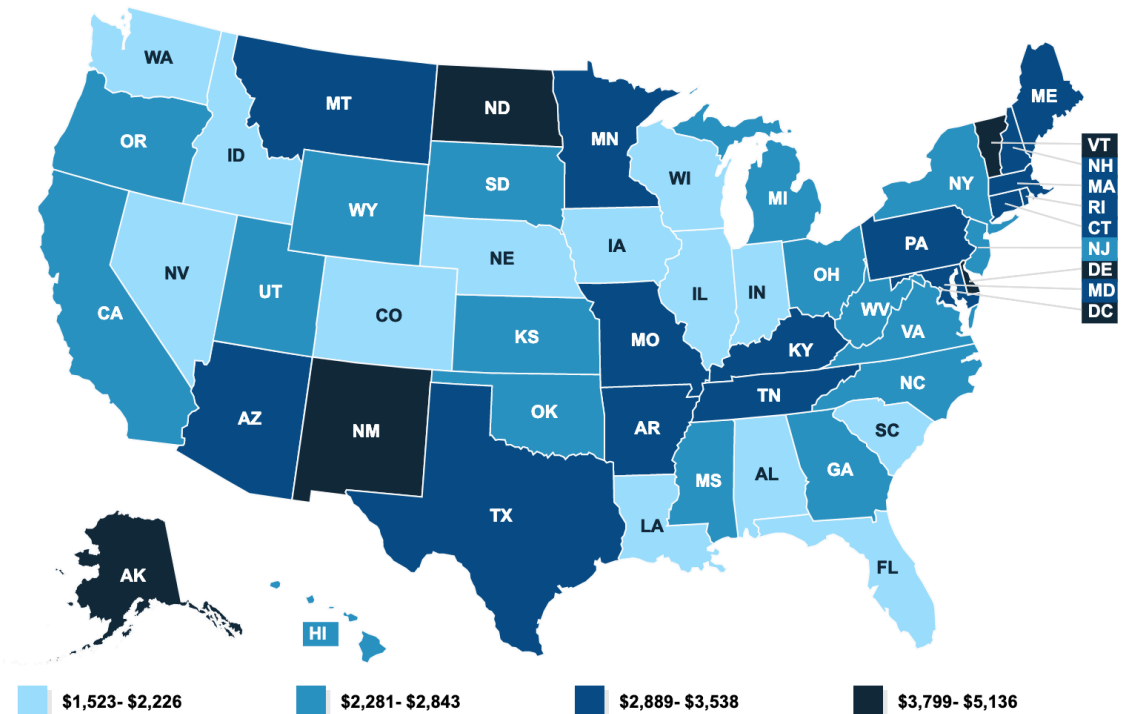


## THE PROBLEMS

### DRAMATIC UNDER-INVESTMENT

- **California is in the bottom 1/3 nationally** for health spending at \$2,500 per child enrollee .
- Children represent **42% of enrollees** but only **14% of expenditures**.
- California ranks **44<sup>th</sup> in Children's Mental Health Access** per Mental Health America 2020 state by state rankings.

Medicaid Spending per Child  
FY 2014

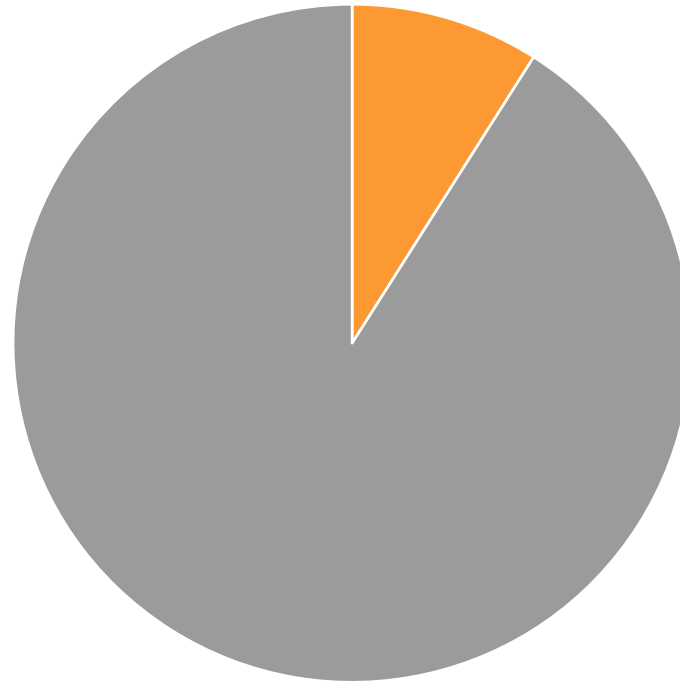


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# MEDICAID BY THE NUMBERS

1/3 of Californians are covered by Medi-Cal (California's version of MEDICAID), which underinvests in their mental and behavioral health.

**Total Dollars:** \$105.2 Billion



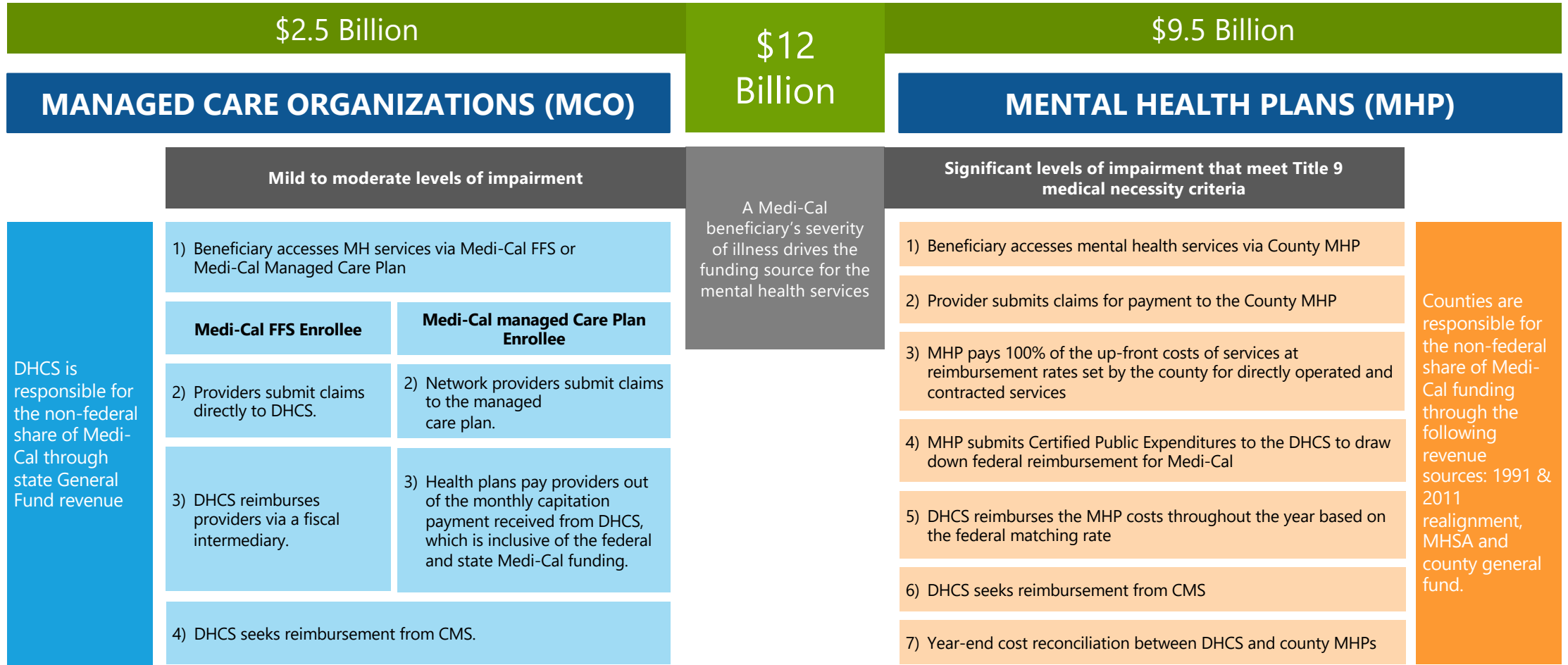
**BEHAVIORAL  
HEALTH:  
\$12. BILLION**



\*Current budget estimates show a 25% increase in Medi-Cal enrollees due to COVID-19

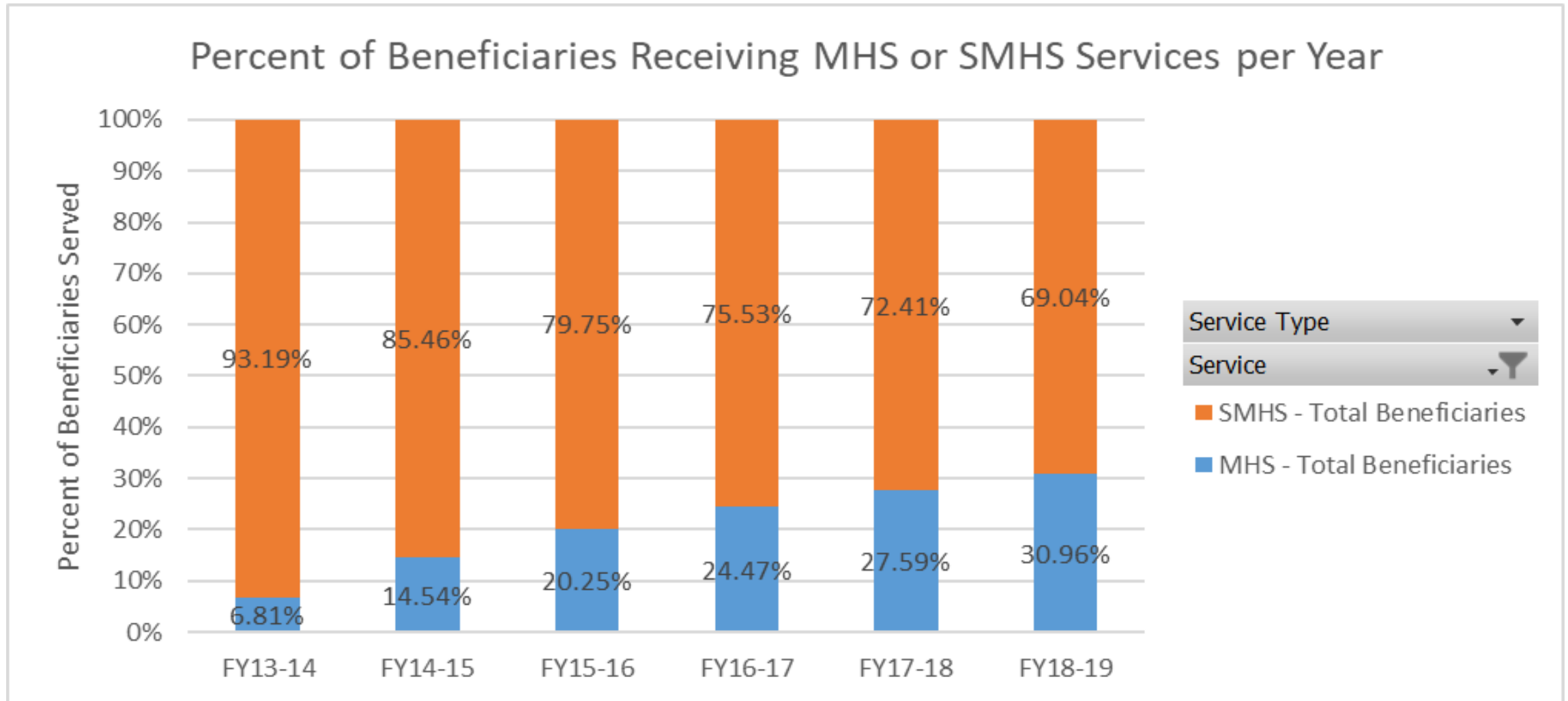
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## OVERVIEW OF FUNDING MEDI-CAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

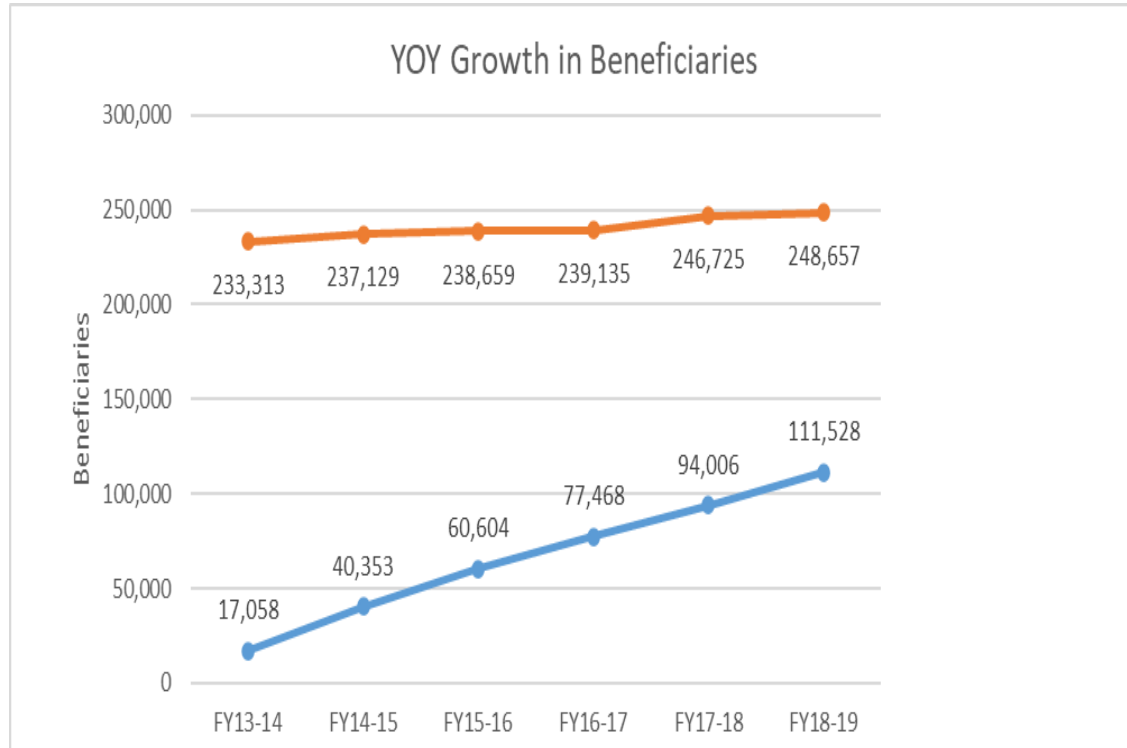


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While MHP's, despite dramatic growth in non Federal revenues and eligible beneficiaries....

Have reached only marginally more children (mostly in LA).



# Why we are here...

Regardless of your position on the EPSDT Entitlement....

MHP's Face A Challenging Budget Climate....

And the State has clearly signaled its intentions...

Providers can and should learn how to work with MCO's.

