

## CMS Issues Final Rule on Medicaid and CHIP Managed Care Access, Finance, and Quality

- On April 22, 2024, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule on Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Managed Care Access, Finance, and Quality (Final Rule), which is scheduled to be published in the Federal Register on May 10, 2024.
- The Final Rule applies to Medicaid and CHIP managed care plans and includes the following:
  - Heightened standards for timely access to care as well as monitoring and enforcement efforts by states;
  - Program integrity standards for state directed payments;
  - The scope of “in lieu of services and settings” is clarified to better address health-related social needs;
  - Medical loss ratio (MLR) requirements; and
  - A quality rating system (QRS) for Medicaid and CHIP managed care plans is established.
- The Final Rule is effective July 9, 2024, with certain provisions having other specified applicability dates.

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### More on This Topic:

- [Final Rule](#)
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