# Massachusetts Health Coverage & Market Share

# **Companies Offering Health Coverage in MA**

Aetna AllWays	(Aetna Health Inc., Aetna Health Insurance Company, Aetna Life Insurance Company) (AllWays Health Partners, Inc. and AllWays Health Insurance Company)
BMC	(Boston Medical Center Health Plan, Inc.)
Blue Cross	(Blue Cross and Blue Shield of MA, Inc. and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of MA, HMO Blue, Inc.)
CIGNA	(CIGNA Health and Life Insurance Company and Connecticut General)
ConnectiCare	(ConnectiCare of Massachusetts, Inc.)
Fallon	(Fallon Community Health Plan, Inc. and Fallon Health and Life Assurance Company)
HNE	(Health New England, Inc. and Health New England Insurance Company)
HPHC	(Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Inc. and HPHC Insurance Company, Inc. and Health Plans Inc.)
Tufts	(Tufts Associated Health Maintenance Organization, Inc. and Tufts Insurance Company.)
Tufts Direct	(Tufts Health Public Plans, Inc.)
United	(United HealthCare Insurance Company)

# **Coverage Sources: Private Coverage MA Average 2018 Membership: Situs**



Individual FI Small Group FI Large Group FI Jumbo Group FI

🗉 Large Group Sl 🗉 Jumbo Group Sl 📒 Other

- Approx. 4.7M members have health benefits through the private market
- Chart excludes ~1.2M people covered through MassHealth and ~1.1M covered through Medicare
- 16% of this population are in the Merged Market.
- 58% of this population are enrolled in the self-insured market

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### **Self-Insured vs. Fully Insured**

- Self-insured arrangement, the employer assumes the risk of health care claims of its members.
- Fully insured arrangement, the insurer assumes the risk of health care claims and charges a risk premium for this benefit.
- Employer weighs the pros & cons of self-insurance arrangement questions that an employer may ask itself:
  - Is the employer large enough to absorb the volatility in health care expenditures?
  - Does the employer have enough in reserves to pay unexpected high-cost claims?
  - Should the employer purchase reinsurance to cover high-cost claims?
  - Will the savings the employer expects under a self-insured arrangement be enough to take on the added risks?

# Massachusetts Market Share Insured Private Market



BCBSMA HPHC United Tufts (includes THPP) CIGNA All Other

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# Special Features of Merged Market

### **Features of Merged Market**

Special M.G.L. c. 176J coverage protections for:

- Eligible individuals who reside in Massachusetts
- Eligible small employers that are located in Massachusetts:
  - with up to 50 eligible employees
  - with at least 50% of employees working in Massachusetts
  - with at least 75% of eligible employees choosing coverage (count excludes those with coverage through spouse but includes special count of part-time/seasonal/temp employees)

The following slides describe the consumer protections available for individuals and small employers through fully-insured health plans sold under c. 176J and related federal law.

No special protections for groups with 51+ eligible employees – meaning carriers can vary premiums for groups based on health status, or demographic characteristics of groups' employees.

## **Features of Merged Market**

If any carrier wants to offer coverage in the merged market, it agrees to follow certain rules:

- Guarantee issue/renew to all eligible individuals/employers.
- No pre-existing condition limitations.
- Products must meet certain benefit standards.
- Premiums charged may only vary by allowed criteria.

Any carrier leaving merged market is locked out of offering coverage for five (5) years.

### **Guarantee Issue / Guarantee Renewability**

- Guarantee Issue laws require health carriers to issue a health plan to any applicant – an eligible individual or group – regardless of the applicant's health status or other factors.
- Guarantee Renewability refers to a requirement that a health carrier renew coverage in a health plan, unless the carrier is discontinuing the health plan for all individuals and small groups.

### **Features of Merged Market**

The statute requires that products be "made available" rather than offered.

• In a recently filed Governor's bill, the term "make available" has been replaced with "offered" and there is a requirement that each product be displayed on a carrier's website.

Exception under existing law/regulation, HMOs are permitted to restrict eligible small employers with between 1 and 5 eligible employees to obtain coverage from intermediaries. Since intermediaries do not offer all available products, groups with between 1 and 5 eligible employees are only able to obtain those HMO products that are being offered by an intermediary.

 In a recently filed Governor's bill, there is a provision that would remove this HMO provision that existed prior to the internet and other technical provisions that have occurred since the early 1990s.

## **No Pre-Existing Condition Limitations**

- All plan benefits are available to all covered persons from the first day covered until the last day covered.
- Covered persons do not need to pay more nor have any lower benefits because they have a history of, or projected use of, any health services.

## **Product Standards**

- Fully insured plans must cover all state and federal mandated benefits.
- Plans cover certain federal standard "essential health benefits" and have limits to plan deductibles, copayments, and/or coinsurance, and maximum out-of-pocket spending.
- Plans must meet certain actuarial values and are marketed according to the metallic tier (platinum, gold, silver, bronze) of the benefits in the product.

#### Plan Designs in the Merged Market



- The ACA requires insurers to offer a suite of plan offerings.
- Actuarial Value measures the benefit richness of the plan offerings
- Platinum plans have lower member cost-sharing (low deductibles and very little copays) but higher premiums, while bronze plans have higher cost-sharing but lower premiums.

### **Premium Standards**

- Each carrier develops standard rates for each product offered based on projected claim costs of all eligible individuals/small employers.
- Premiums are standardized with variability based on:
  - Age of individual/family members or persons covered by employer.
  - Geography where the individual or employer is located in MA.
  - Transitional factors (2020): size of employer group and participation in group purchasing cooperative.

# Massachusetts Merged Market Carriers and Plans Offered

# 2020 Merged Market Carriers in MA

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# Merged Market Plans

	Merged
Insurers	Market Plans
AllWays	56
ВМСНР	7
BCBSMA	41
ConnectiCare	5
Fallon*	21
Health NE	30
НРНС	34
Tufts Public Plans	8
Tufts HMO	42
United HealthCare	12
Total	256

\* Fallon products are available with different networks

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# How to Get Coverage

### **Obtaining Coverage**

Eligible small employers may obtain coverage by

directly contacting a carrier – by phone or through the internet (some carriers use an intermediary to coordinate enrollment for smallest groups) contacting a producer (agent) representing a carrier enrolling with an intermediary offering carrier products enrolling through Health Connector for Business enrolling through Group Purchasing Cooperative

Eligible individuals may obtain coverage by

directly contacting a carrier – by phone or through the internet (some carriers use an intermediary to coordinate enrollment) contacting a producer (agent) representing a carrier (though producers typically do not collect a commission for individual sales) enrolling with an intermediary offering carrier products enrolling through the Health Connector

# **Obtaining Coverage Through Health Carrier or Affiliated Producers**

- Carriers make coverage available either through
  - Telephone sales
  - Internet-based platforms
  - Sales face-to-face, telephone, or online through producers (agents/brokers) who are under contract with a carrier

### **Obtaining Coverage Through Intermediaries**

Intermediary recognized under M.G.L. c. 176J

A chamber of commerce, trade association, or other organization, formed for purposes other than obtaining insurance, and which offers its members the option of purchasing a Health Benefit Plan.

Contracts with individual carriers to offer health plans to small employers.

May only offer coverage to members and may charge a processing fee to enroll members in health plans.

## **Obtaining Coverage Through Health Connector**

- The Health Connector is Massachusetts' state-based marketplace. It is a quasipublic state agency created by M.G.L. c. 176Q and later designated as ACAcompliant Marketplace.
  - Serves as an internet-based marketplace for individual and small group health and dental coverage that meets state and federal requirements and meets the Health Connector's standards for value.
  - Offers individuals and small business a "one stop shop" through which to comparison shop among the market's carriers and enroll in coverage.
  - Serves as the only coverage source for eligible individuals to qualify for federal and state subsidies (*e.g.*, premium tax credits, ConnectorCare, etc.) or small businesses to qualify for federal small business tax credits and ConnectWell rebates for small groups.
  - Makes in-person assistance available to individuals (via Navigators) and works with brokers to support small businesses shopping for coverage.

### How Does Merged Market Purchase Insurance?



# Distribution & Plan Offerings

# Merged Market Diversity Distribution Channels & Plans

#### **Small Group Market**

Connector			
	# of Plans		
Insurer	Connector		
AllWays	7		
ВМСНР	7		
BCBSMA	7		
ConnectiCare			
Fallon	15		
Health NE	7		
НРНС	7		
Tufts Public Plans	7		
Tufts HMO	6		
United HealthCare	6		
Total	69		

Connector

Intermediaries				
# of Plans Intermediary Insurer (1 to 5 EE)				
AllWays	20			
ВМСНР	2			
BCBSMA				
ConnectiCare				
Fallon*	14			
Health NE	30			
НРНС	19			
Tufts Public Plans	8			
Tufts HMO	13			
United HealthCare				
Total	106			

#### **Direct to Insurer/Broker**

	# of Plans Direct/From
Insurer	Broker
AllWays	56
BMCHP	2
BCBSMA	41
ConnectiCare	5
Fallon*	21
Health NE	30
НРНС	34
Tufts Public Plans	8
Tufts HMO	42
United HealthCare	12
Total	251

# Merged Market Diversity Distribution Channels & Plan offerings

#### Individual Market

Connector			
	# of Plans Connector	# of Plans Subsidized &	
Insurer	Care	UnSubsidized	
AllWays	1	5	
ВМСНР	1	5	
BCBSMA		6	
ConnectiCare			
Fallon	1	13	
Health NE	1	5	
НРНС		5	
Tufts Public Plans	1	7	
Tufts HMO		5	
United HealthCare		5	
Total	5	56	

Intermediaries				
# of Plans				
Insurer	Intermediary			
AllWays	4			
ВМСНР	2			
BCBSMA				
ConnectiCare				
Fallon	14			
Health NE	30			
НРНС	5			
Tufts Public Plans	9			
Tufts HMO	4			
United HealthCare				
Total	68			

Direct to Insurer/Broker			
Insurer	# of Plans Direct from Insurer/Broker		
AllWays	4		
ВМСНР	2		
BCBSMA	5		
ConnectiCare	5		
Fallon	14		
Health NE	30		
НРНС	34		
Tufts Public Plans	9		
Tufts HMO	4		
United HealthCare	5		
Total	112		

# **Diversity of Membership Across Sales Channels**

# Merged Market Diversity Avg 2018 Membership

	Individual Market 307K			Small Gr Marko 454M	et
Connector Care OFPL - 300FPL 190K	Other Subsidized 300FPL to 400FPL 14K	Unsubsidized 103K	Group of 1 Employee Sole Proprietors	Groups 2 to 5 Employees	Groups 6 to 50 Employees

# Merged Market Diversity Subsidized Individual Market Insurer Market Share

#### 2018 Connector Care (<300FPL) Market



#### 2018 Other Subsidized 300FPL to 400FPL Market Share



■ THPP ■ BMCHP ■ Fallon 🛛 HPHC 🖾 BCBSMA 🔲 AllWays 🔳 HNE

Source: CHIA 2019 Annual Report Connecticare excluded

# Merged Market Diversity Unsubsidized & Small Group Market Share

#### 2018 Unsubsidized Individual Market Share



THPP AllWays BMCHP Fallon HNE BCBSMA I Tufts HPHC

#### June 2018 Unsubsidized Individual On Exchange Market Share



THPP AllWays BMCHP Fallon HNE BCBSMA CTufts HPHC

#### Source: CHIA 2019 Annual Report Connecticare excluded

### **On Exchange Enrollment**



June 2018 Small Group On Exchange



Source: CHIA Enrollment Reports

# Diversity of Health Plan Networks Across Sales Channels

# Merged Market Diversity Limited vs. Broad Network



Carriers offering limited network plans include BMC Health Net Plan, Fallon Direct and Fallon Community Care, and Tufts Health Public Plans.

- BMC and Fallon exclude Boston Children's, Brigham & Women's, Dana-Farber, and Mass General from their networks.
- Tufts Public Plans includes Boston Children's but excludes Brigham & Women's, Dana-Farber, and Mass General.
- HNE's network also excludes these hospitals, but is not available in eastern MA and is considered a broad network for this analysis.