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## The Puerto Rico Perspective

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Medicaid  
CHIP  
Commonwealth  
population

Healthcare for  
government  
employees and  
retirees

Wrap-around  
payment for  
Medicare Platino  
members



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**1.19m**  
Plan Vital

**253,000**  
Medicare  
Platinum

**175,000**  
Law 95

**45%**  
Current population



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Choose preferred carrier

**348,611**  
MCO changes

Choose PCP and PMG

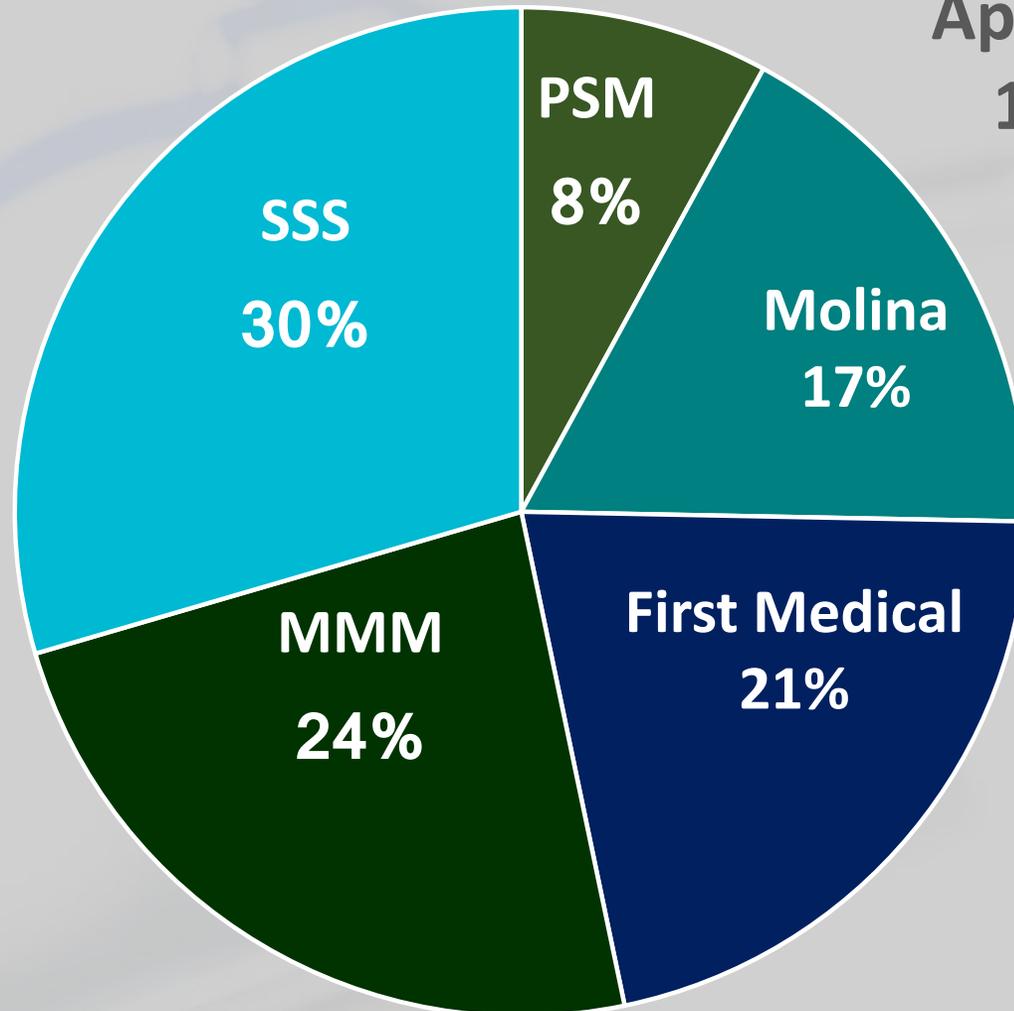
**286,564** PCPs  
**150,994** PMGs  
changes

Access to medical care throughout the whole island

**786,189**  
Beneficiaries  
Changes



Membership by MCO  
April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019  
1,198,832



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**272,384**  
calls



**107,414**  
counseled  
outreach



**6,150**  
providers



**900**  
pharmacies



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**1 Region**

**292,334**  
PMGs changes

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**Challenges in Puerto Rico's  
Healthcare System**

Lower salaries  
compared to  
other States

Working  
conditions

Limited  
innovation

Puerto Rico's  
fiscal crisis

Cost of living  
compared to  
other States



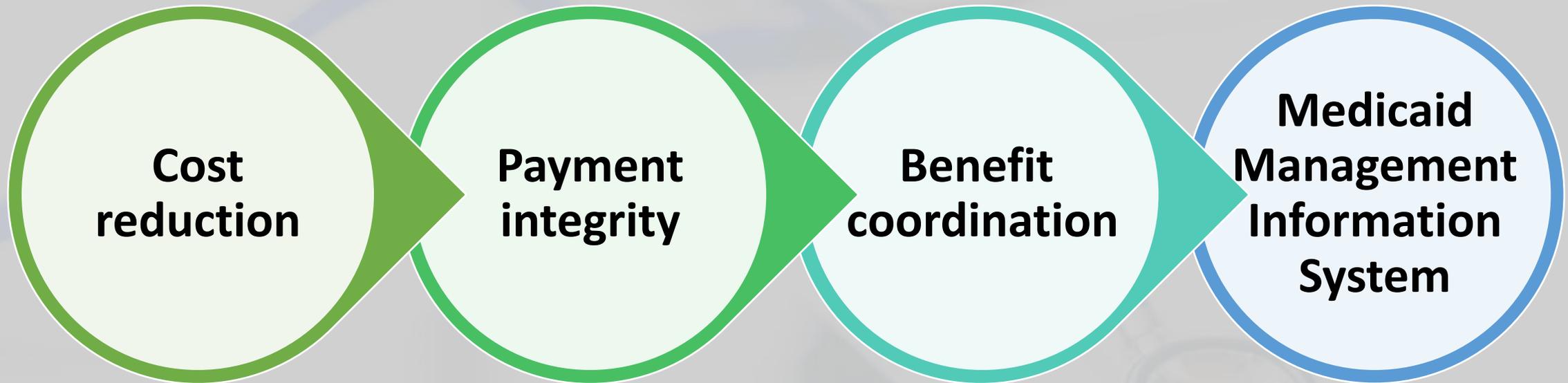
## Challenges in Puerto Rico's Healthcare System

High hospitalization and emergency visit rates per thousand

Increase in prescribed medicines

Increase in specialized prescriptions

## Our Initiatives





## Increase in reimbursements Rates

- Reduce the Physician and Provider Exodus
- Invest in Hospital Infrastructure





## Provide Coverage of Hepatitis-C Drugs

Approximately

**14,000** Puerto Ricans are eligible for treatment and could be cured by making these drugs available to them.





## Provide Medicare Part B Premium Coverage for Dual Eligibles

There are approximately **282,000** Medicaid and Medicare eligible in Puerto Rico that pay the Medicare Part B premium out-of-pocket.



## Puerto Rico Poverty Level Adjustment

Puerto Rico has the authority to modify the Puerto Rico poverty level (PRPL) on which income requirements for Medicaid is based.



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# Thank you!

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