

QI = Better Care

For more than two decades, the Medicaid Quality Incentive (QI) Program has been a vital resource in improving health outcomes for more than 5 million New Yorkers enrolled in Medicaid.

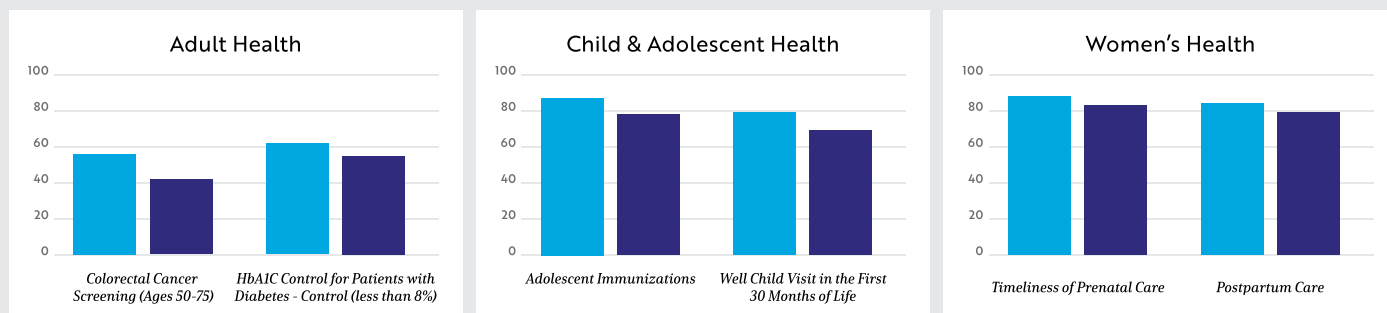
Fully Fund the QI Program at \$300 Million

The QI Program supports innovative partnerships among health plans, providers and community organizations to advance the quality – and equity – of care to the state’s most vulnerable residents. This includes programs that provide timely prenatal services and postpartum checkups to women and newborns, ensuring children and adults receive appropriate preventive care and screenings, and support for individuals with behavioral health and substance use needs.

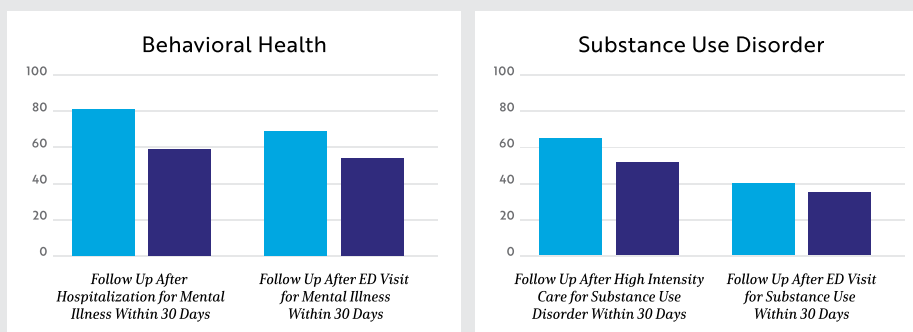
New York’s Medicaid Managed Care program consistently exceeds the national benchmark for key quality health measures, especially in **Child and Adolescent Health**, **Women’s Health**, and **Behavioral Health**. The QI Program’s emphasis on evidence-based, proactive care has been a critical component in the state’s demonstrated high level of care, with Medicaid Managed Care performing the same or better than the national average on 89% of quality measures.

Preventive Care

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Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorders



Source: Department of Health 2023 Statewide Executive Summary of Managed Care in New York State; Medicaid Managed Care Statewide Rates – 2023 NY v. National Rates

The FY26 Executive Budget and both chambers’ one-house budgets propose roughly \$50 million for the QI Program. In the face of Federal efforts to cut Medicaid and eliminate funding for health-related social needs programs, it is vital that the FY26 state budget allocates \$300 million in state funds for the QI Program to maintain and enhance New York’s high level of quality and remove barriers to equitable care.