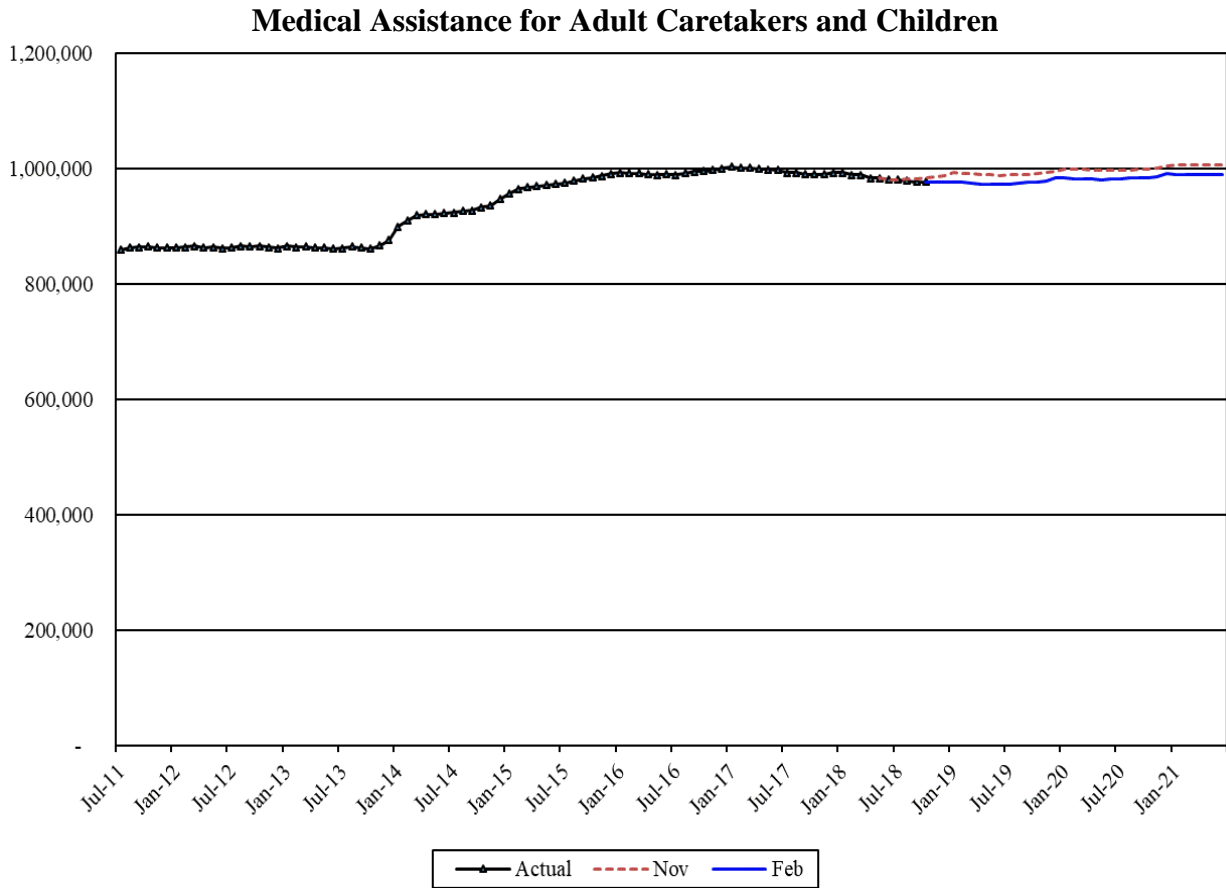


Medical Assistance

Adult Caretakers and Children

Caseload Forecast Council
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The Medical Assistance for Adult Caretakers and Children category is composed of seven caseloads for parents/caretakers, pregnant clients, and children by citizenship and income level.

Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

Fiscal Year	Nov-18 Forecast	Feb-19 Forecast	Nov to Feb Difference	Percent Difference
2019	986,445	975,518	-10,927	-1.1%
2020	994,299	979,203	-15,096	-1.5%
2021	1,002,236	986,848	-15,387	-1.5%

The February 2019 forecast is 10,927 cases or 1.1 percent lower than the November 2018 forecast for FY 2019, and, on average, 15,241 cases or 1.5 percent lower for the 2019-21 Biennium.

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Tracking the Current Forecast

	Nov-18 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
Jun-18	979,959	980,101	142	0.0%
Jul-18	979,563	979,793	231	0.0%
Aug-18	981,378	978,380	-2,998	-0.3%
Sep-18	981,065	976,298	-4,767	-0.5%
Oct-18	983,644	976,373	-7,271	-0.7%

The caseload actuals have been tracking, on average, 3,701 cases or 0.4 percent lower than the November 2018 forecast for the past five months.

Three main reasons account for the lower February 2019 forecast:

1. Health Care Authority improved the post-eligibility review efficiency by automation and eventually eliminated the eligibility review backlog in October 2018. The eligibility review backlog reduction has been a main reason for forecast changes in prior cycles.
2. The impacts of checking duplicate benefits in two or more states are higher than assumed in the November 2018 forecast.
3. This caseload is MAGI related and is affected by the repeal of the individual mandate and a shorter open enrollment period.

Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2012	862,642		
	2013	863,233	591	0.1%
	2014	890,007	26,773	3.1%
	2015	949,225	59,219	6.7%
	2016	986,536	37,310	3.9%
	2017	996,953	10,417	1.1%
	2018	988,438	-8,515	-0.9%
Forecast	2019	975,518	-12,920	-1.3%
	2020	979,203	3,686	0.4%
	2021	986,848	7,645	0.8%

Caseload growth is not stable recently mainly due to improvements in the post eligibility review process and residency checks.

Risks to the Forecast

Risks to this forecast are moderate. With the elimination of the eligibility review backlog, this caseload should be more stable.

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