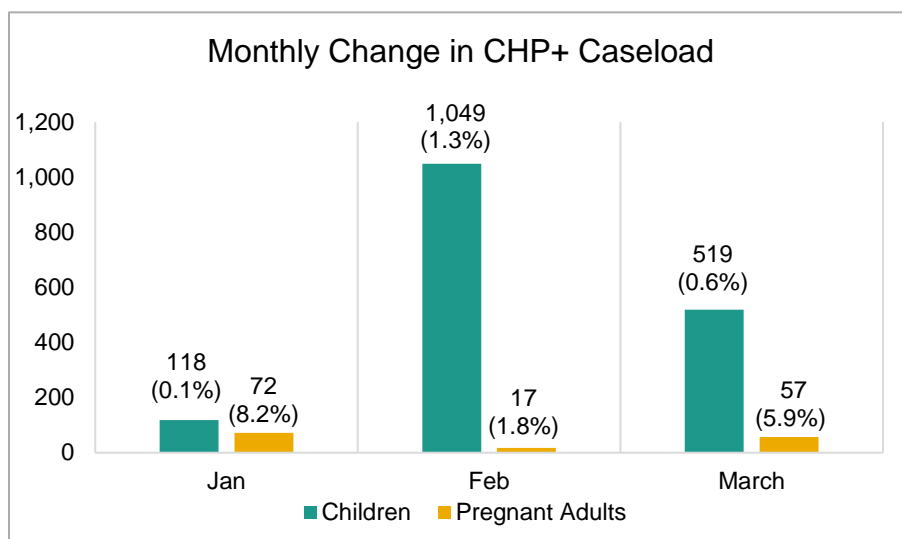
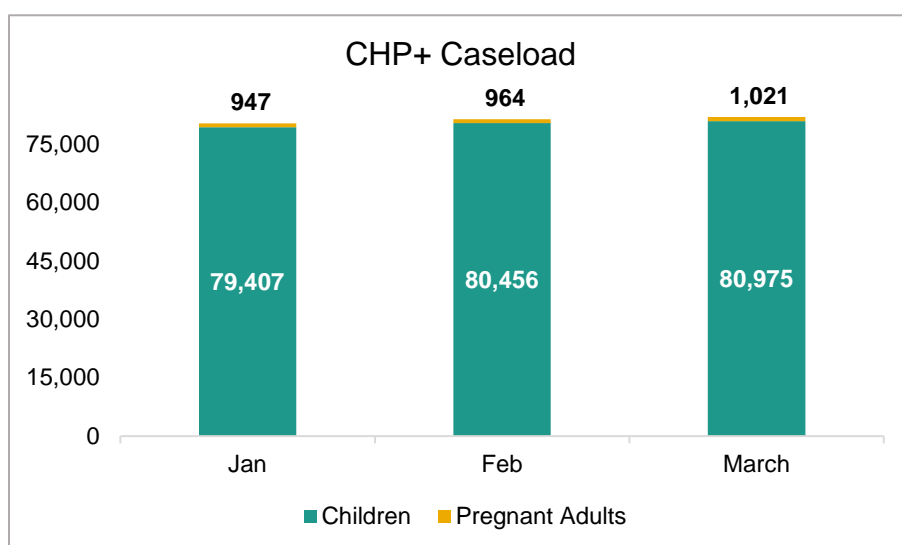

COVERING 2019 Health First Colorado and
 KIDS & FAMILIES **CHP+ Enrollment Analysis – Q1**

This series of reports analyzes enrollment changes in Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) and Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) and identifies factors that may have contributed to an increase or decrease in enrollment. The data source used is the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing's [Premiums, Expenditures and Caseload Reports](#). Previous enrollment analyses can be found [here](#).

CHP+ Enrollment Data

The total number of children and pregnant adults enrolled in CHP+ **increased by 1,642 or 2%** from January to March 2019.

- CHP+ enrollment for children **increased by 1,568 or 2%**.
- CHP+ enrollment for pregnant adults **increased by 74 or 7.8%**.

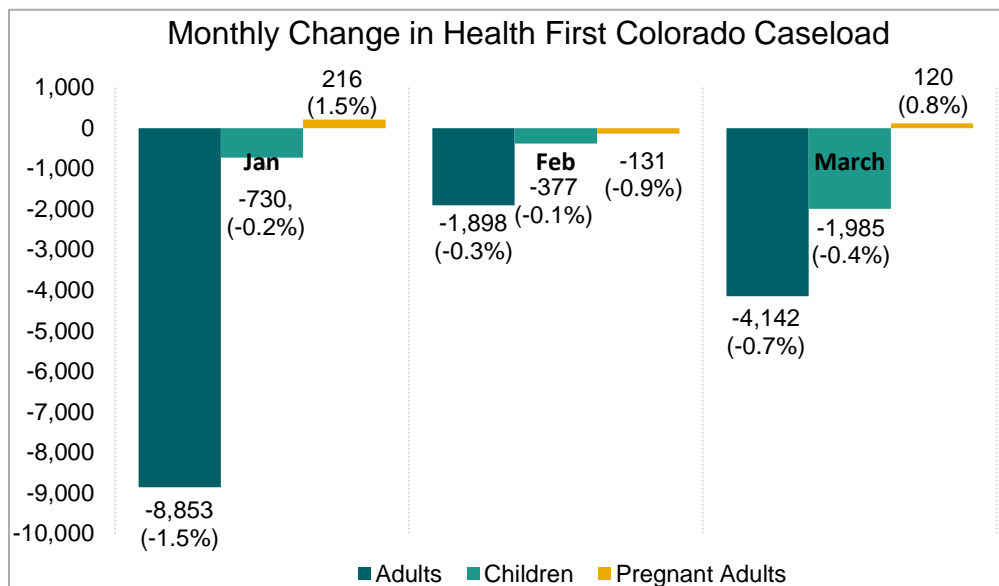
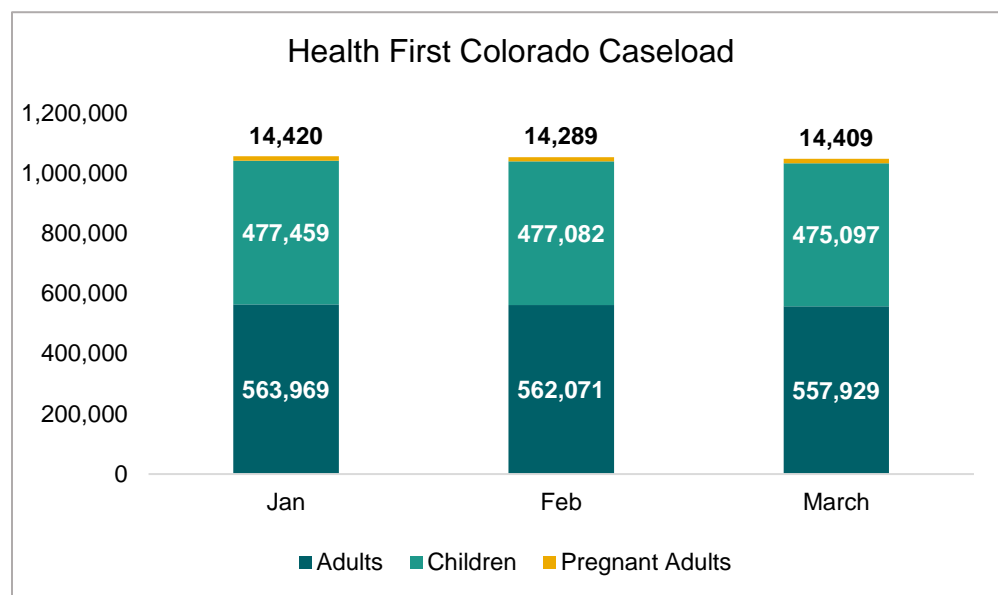


Health First Colorado Enrollment Data

The total number of people enrolled in all Medicaid programs **decreased by 9,664 or 0.8%** from January to March 2019.

The total number of adults, pregnant adults and children enrolled in non-disability programs (i.e. Modified Adjusted Gross Income, or MAGI programs) for Health First Colorado **decreased by 8,413 or 0.8%** from January to March 2019.

- Health First Colorado enrollment for adults **decreased by 6,040 or 1.1%**.
- Health First Colorado enrollment for pregnant adults **decreased by 11 or 0.1%**.
- Health First Colorado enrollment for children **decreased by 2,362 or 0.5%**.



What Impacted Enrollment in Q1?

Overall, enrollment in CHP+ increased in Q1 while enrollment in Health First Colorado decreased. While it remains unclear what is driving these changes, there are several possible factors:

- Colorado's economy is strong, and more Health First Colorado members may be losing eligibility due to increasing family incomes.
- Some children enrolled in Health First Colorado may be transitioning to CHP+ due to higher family incomes. However, more children lost coverage from Health First Colorado (**2,362**) than gained coverage through CHP+ (**1,568**).
- An October 2018 proposed rule by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security would include Medicaid as a factor of declaring a lawful immigrant a 'public charge,' which would thereby deny them a green card. While the proposed rule is not yet final, its announcement has created a 'chilling effect' on enrollment likely persuading many lawful immigrants and their families to not enroll or disenroll in Health First Colorado.

Looking Forward

In the future, we anticipate further decline in enrollment in CHP+ and Health First Colorado, particularly if the proposed rule from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security becomes final.