

TEXAS STATE REPORT

Texas Medicare Advantage, October 2026

"What happened to Texas Medicare Advantage this month, and what changes for 2027?"

Texas has 2,741,302 Medicare Advantage members (CMS, October 2026). 200,898 of them sit in individual plans with no 2027 plan to land in, and 197 of 254 counties have fewer plans for 2027.

2,741,302	200,898	197 of 254	4.14 to 3.98
Texas MA members, October 2026	members with no 2027 plan to land in (floor)	counties with fewer MA plans for 2027	member weighted stars, 2026 to 2027 ratings
CMS CPSC, Oct 2026	CMS 2027 Plan Crosswalk + CY2026/CY2027 plan files + CPSC Oct 2026	CMS CY2026 (Sep 2) and CY2027 (Oct 18) plan files	CMS Star Ratings Summary tables, Jul 22 and Oct 8, 2026

Who holds Texas members

UnitedHealth Group holds 47.9% and leads in 229 counties. Net change September to October 2026: +6,182.

PARENT ORGANIZATION	SEP 2026	OCT 2026	CHANGE
UnitedHealth Group	1,309,529	1,312,114	2,585
Humana	547,239	547,632	393
HCSC (Blue Cross)	305,046	306,506	1,460
CVS Health (Aetna)	199,231	199,830	599
Centene	106,831	105,336	-1,495
Elevance Health	70,916	71,335	419
Devoted Health	56,951	58,038	1,087
Baylor Scott and White	47,352	47,474	122

CMS CPSC September and October 2026. Counts of 10 or fewer are hidden by CMS, so totals are floors.

Members in plans that end in their county on Dec 31, 2026

370,505 members sit in 121 plans that end in at least one Texas county. 241,091 more are moved by CMS to a different 2027 plan unless they pick one.

PARENT ORGANIZATION	MEMBERS IN ENDING PLANS
UnitedHealth Group	204,857
Humana	46,981
Elevance Health	36,532
Centene	27,308
HCSC (Blue Cross)	24,198
Memorial Hermann	14,519

CMS 2027 Plan Crosswalk, CY2026 and CY2027 plan files, CPSC October 2026.

What is still sold for 2027

421 Medicare Advantage plans are sold in Texas for 2027, and 359 have a \$0 monthly premium. Stars fell in 202 counties and rose in 36.

CMS CY2027 plan file (Oct 18, 2026); CMS Star Ratings Summary tables.

CHECK SHEET

Every file, every total

SOURCE FILE	DATE	DOWNLOAD	ROWS READ
CMS Monthly Enrollment by Contract/Plan/State/County (CPSC), October 2026	Oct 2026 file	https://www.cms.gov/files/zip/monthly-enrollment-cpsc-october-2026.zip	3,389,005
CMS CPSC, September 2026	Sep 2026 file	https://www.cms.gov/files/zip/monthly-enrollment-cpsc-september-2026.zip	see report Check sheet
CMS CY2027 Landscape (plan file)	Data updated Oct 18, 2026	https://www.cms.gov/files/zip/cy2027-landscape-202610.zip	130,307
CMS CY2026 Landscape (plan file)	Data updated Sep 2, 2026	https://www.cms.gov/files/zip/cy2026-landscape-202609.zip	138,260
CMS 2027 Plan Crosswalk	Read me dated Oct 1, 2026	https://www.cms.gov/files/zip/plan-crosswalk-2027.zip	9,144
CMS 2027 Star Ratings Data Tables, Summary Ratings	Oct 8, 2026	https://www.cms.gov/files/zip/2027-star-ratings-data-tables-oct-8-2026.zip	735
CMS 2026 Star Ratings Data Tables, Summary Ratings	July 22, 2026 version	https://www.cms.gov/files/zip/2026-star-ratings-data-tables.zip	see kit Check sheet

Our totals

NUMBER	OUR TOTAL	BUILT FROM
Texas MA members, Oct 2026	2,741,302	CPSC October 2026, MA organization types
No plan to land in, Texas	200,898	cms_crosswalk_landing.py, every crosswalk row read
Members in ending plans, Texas	370,505	cms_crosswalk_county.py

How we answered

1. Counted individual MA plans (plan ID under 800) in the CMS plan files for 2026 and 2027, county by county.
2. Joined the CMS 2027 crosswalk to October 2026 CPSC members to find plans that end and where members land.
3. Weighted contract star ratings by the same October 2026 members for both years.

Limits

- CMS hides counts of 10 or fewer; we count them as 0, so member totals are floors.
- Where members actually land is known only when CMS posts the January 2027 CPSC file.

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