



## **Data Brief**

# **Recent Results for HEDIS Scores for Eye Exams for Persons with Diabetes<sup>1</sup>**

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The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) has constructed a battery of health care quality measures that are currently being used nationwide to assess the performance of medical care organizations. The results of these individual measures are combined to arrive at ratings of health plans across the country that are made available by NCQA and by federal and state agencies to help inform individuals when they make enrollment choices when they obtain coverage through public programs. In some states these ratings are monitored by the state's Medicaid agency to monitor performance. Specifically in California the state monitors a set of measures and imposes penalties on health plans in the Medi-Cal program who fail to meet standards set by the state.

Here we publish results for a specific measure – the share of health plan's members with diabetes who received dilated eye examinations in a measure year. The results are shown for three types of coverage -- Medi-Cal, Medicare, and Commercial. The following charts show the performance during 2021, 2022, and 2023. Note that not every plan has reported scores for every year.

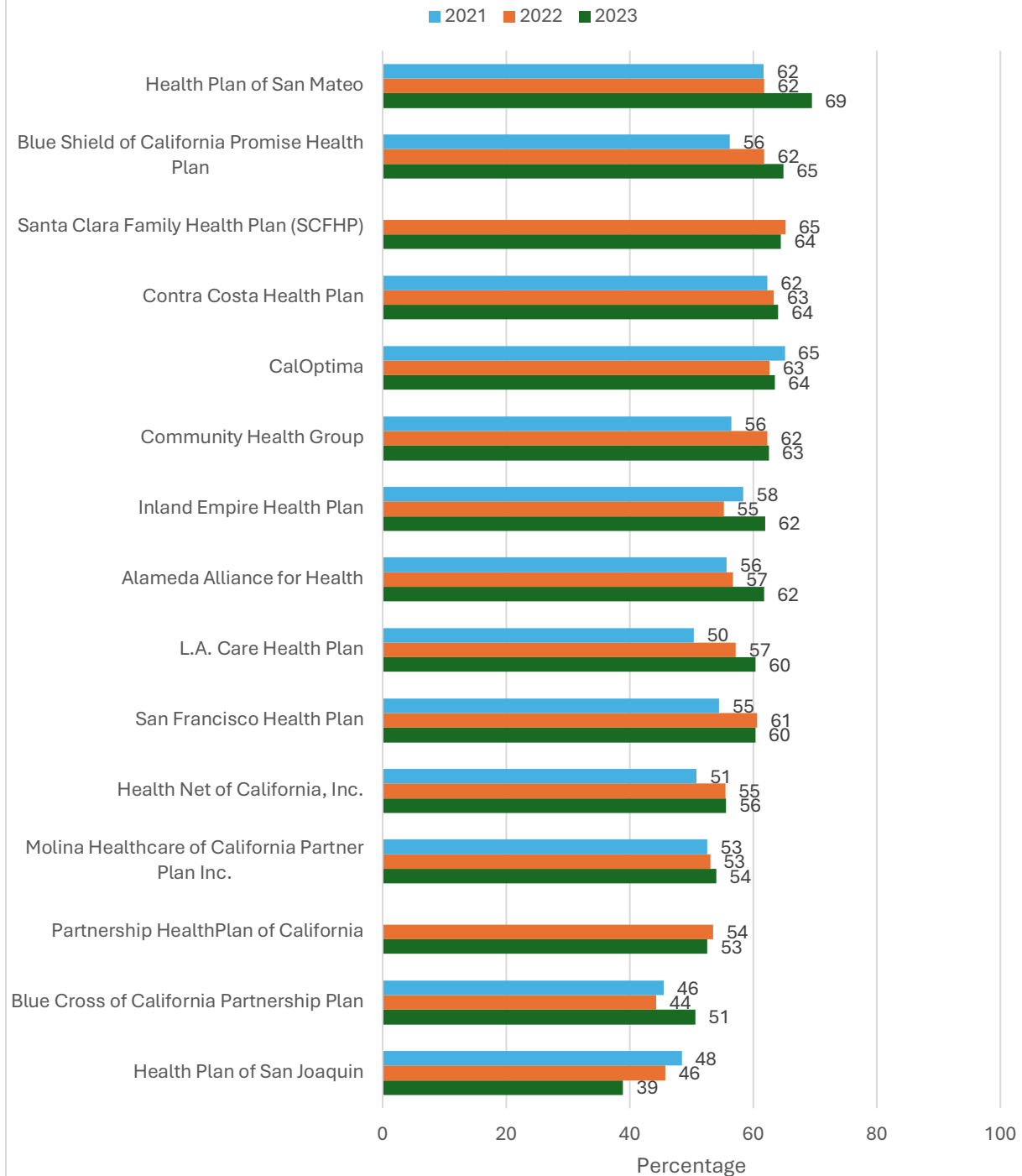
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The Medicare plans do the best ranging from a low of 66 percent to a high of 82 percent in 2023. This lowest rated plan is above the best commercial plans and falls amid the ranks of the highest Medi-Cal plans.

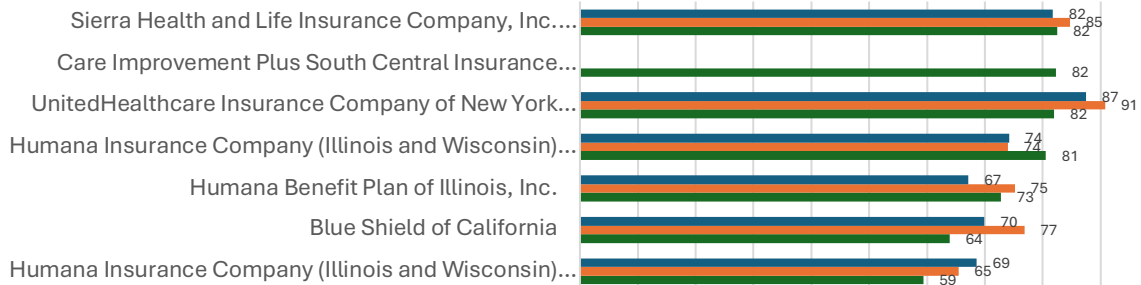
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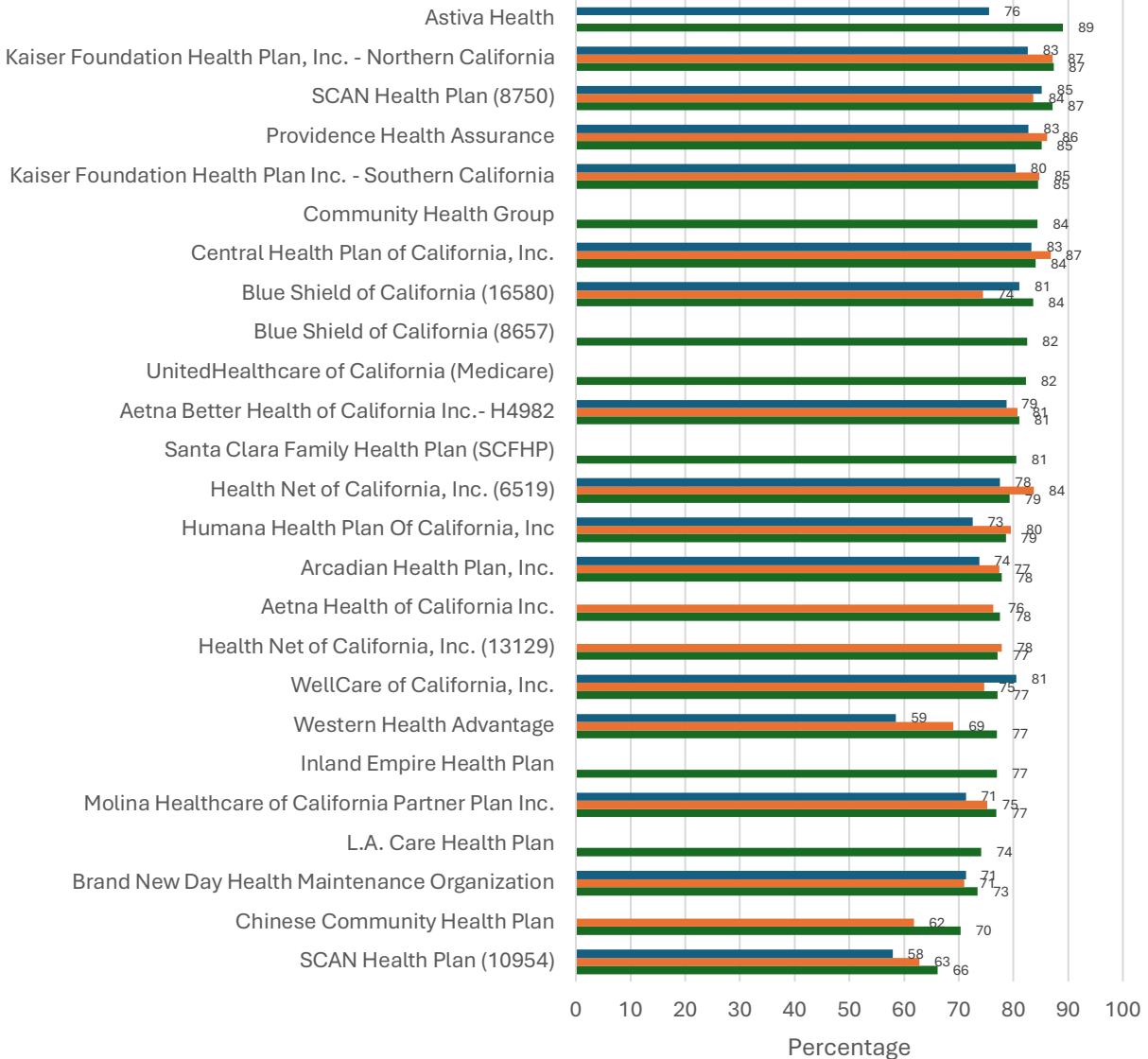
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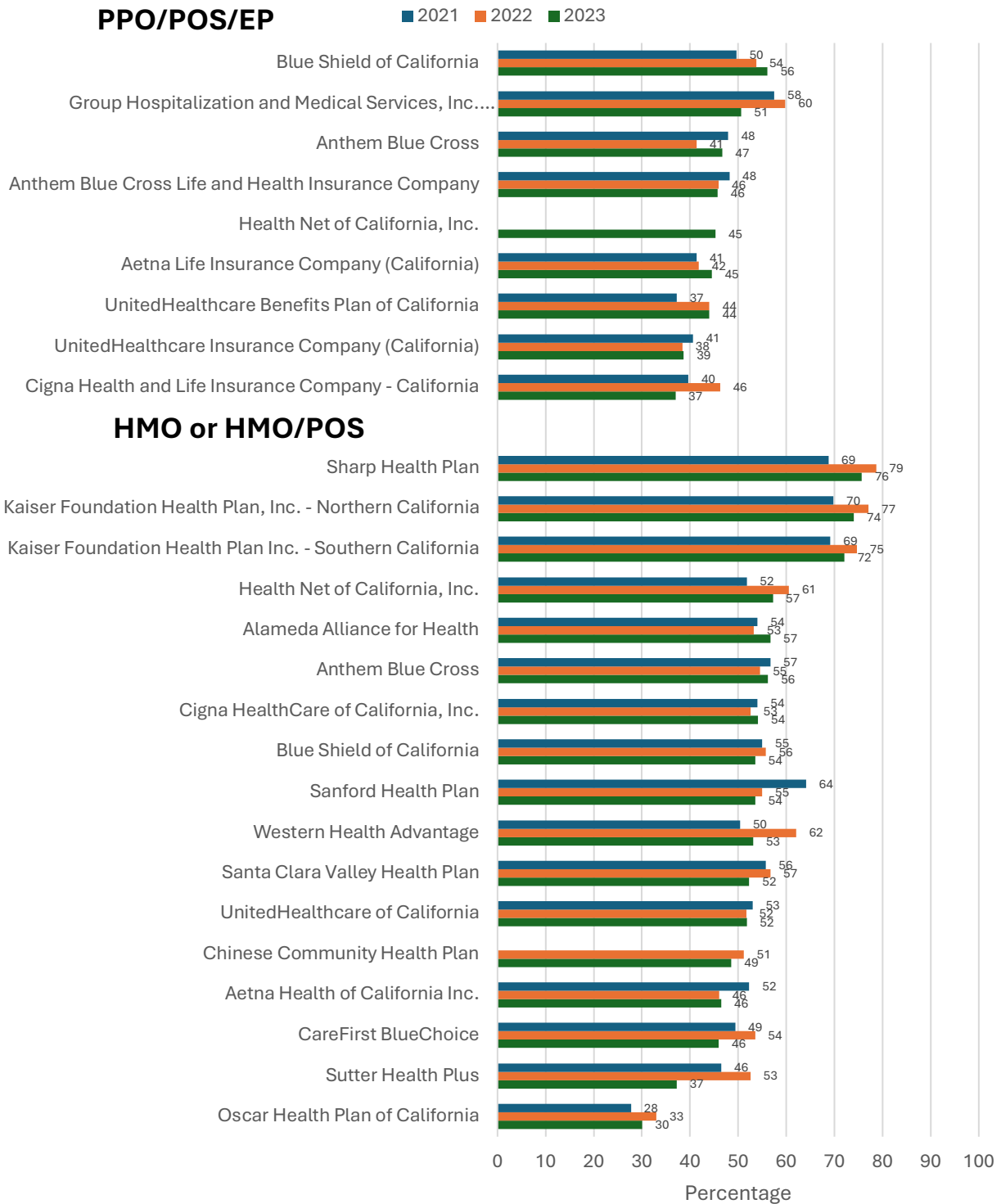
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## Eye Exam for Patients With Diabetes Commercial Plans



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