

Washington  
**Paid Family & Medical Leave**



**Employment Security Department**  
WASHINGTON STATE

# Advisory Committee Meeting

March 1, 2022



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**Agenda** Introductions and approve minutes

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Legislative update

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Trust fund

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1073 update

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Agenda items for April meeting

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Open comment and adjourn

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# Meeting structure

- Only Advisory Committee and the presenters will be unmuted during the meeting, until open comment.
- Public to hold all feedback until the open comment period.
- Comments and questions in the chat will not be reviewed as part of the meeting structure, rather:
  - Open comments will be taken at the end of the meeting.
  - Please frame your questions as a comment.
  - “Raise your hand” if you have a comment.
  - The meeting host will unmute individual line to allow for the open comment.

# Introductions

- Advisory Committee

*(Note: We will use the Zoom feature to identify who is on the phone rather than announcing during meeting)*

# Approve minutes

- December
- January special meeting

# Legislative update

Nick Demerice

# High priority bills

SSB 5649

Changes to the Paid Leave law

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HB 1613

Allows data sharing between programs; ESD request bill

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SHB 2076

Coverage related to transportation network companies

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HB 1816/SSB  
5693

Budgets

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# Trust fund

Carole Holland



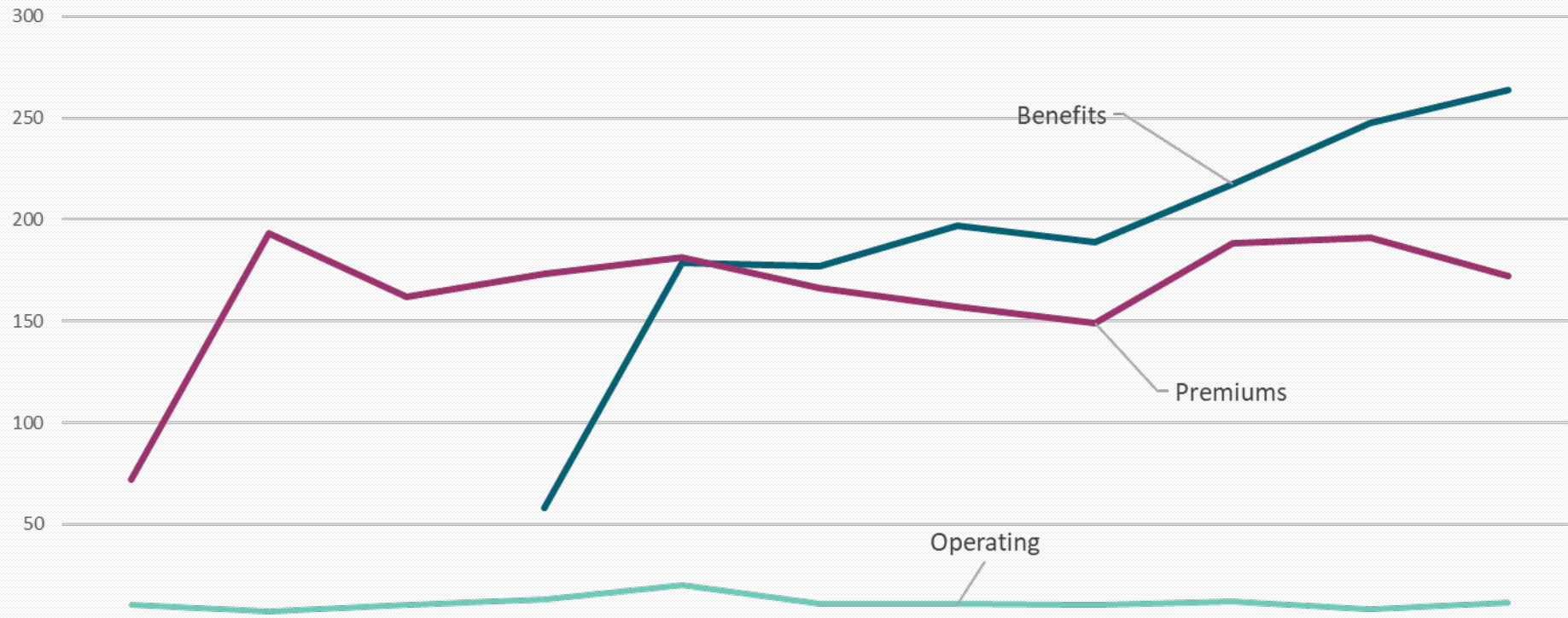
# Trust fund

Weekly projections still tracking to short-term cash deficit starting late March/early April.

Trust fund cash balance as of Feb. 25, 2022, is \$128.8 million.

- Premiums for 2021-Q4 about \$161 million; \$10 million higher than projected.
- February benefit payments continue recent average of about \$20 million a week.
- Incoming new claims submitted are trending lower than January.

# Premiums, benefits, operating expenses, and fund balance by quarter (millions)



	2019-2	2019-3	2019-4	2020-1	2020-2	2020-3	2020-4	2021-1	2021-2	2021-3	2021-4
Benefits				\$58.1	\$178.7	\$177.0	\$196.9	\$188.7	\$217.2	\$247.6	\$264.0
Premiums	\$72.0	\$193.4	\$162.2	\$173.3	\$181.4	\$166.2	\$157.2	\$149.2	\$188.3	\$191.2	\$172.1
Operating	\$10.2	\$7.3	\$10.3	\$13.2	\$19.9	\$10.8	\$10.6	\$10.3	\$11.8	\$8.3	\$11.2
Fund Balance	\$26.8	\$209.8	\$372.1	\$467.2	\$454.2	\$426.8	\$376.4	\$326.6	\$286.5	\$221.5	\$123.6

**1073 update**

# Expanded eligibility for COVID

As of Feb. 24, 2022:

- 2,212 approved claims
- \$10,991,066 benefits paid

No new claim years starting after March 27, 2022.

Payments can continue under previously established claim years.

# April meeting

## Details

- 1 – 3 p.m., Friday, April 8, 2022

## Agenda

- Legislative outcomes and implementation plans.
- Topics?

**Open comment**

# Continue the conversation

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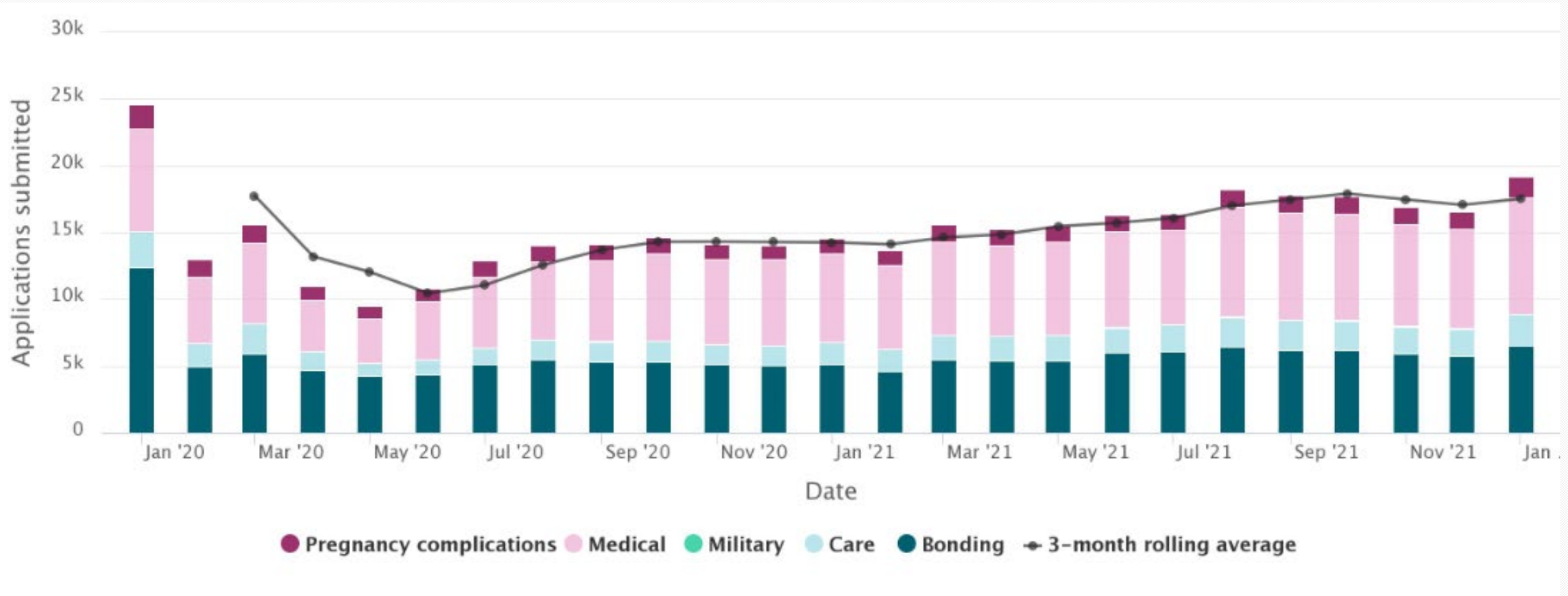


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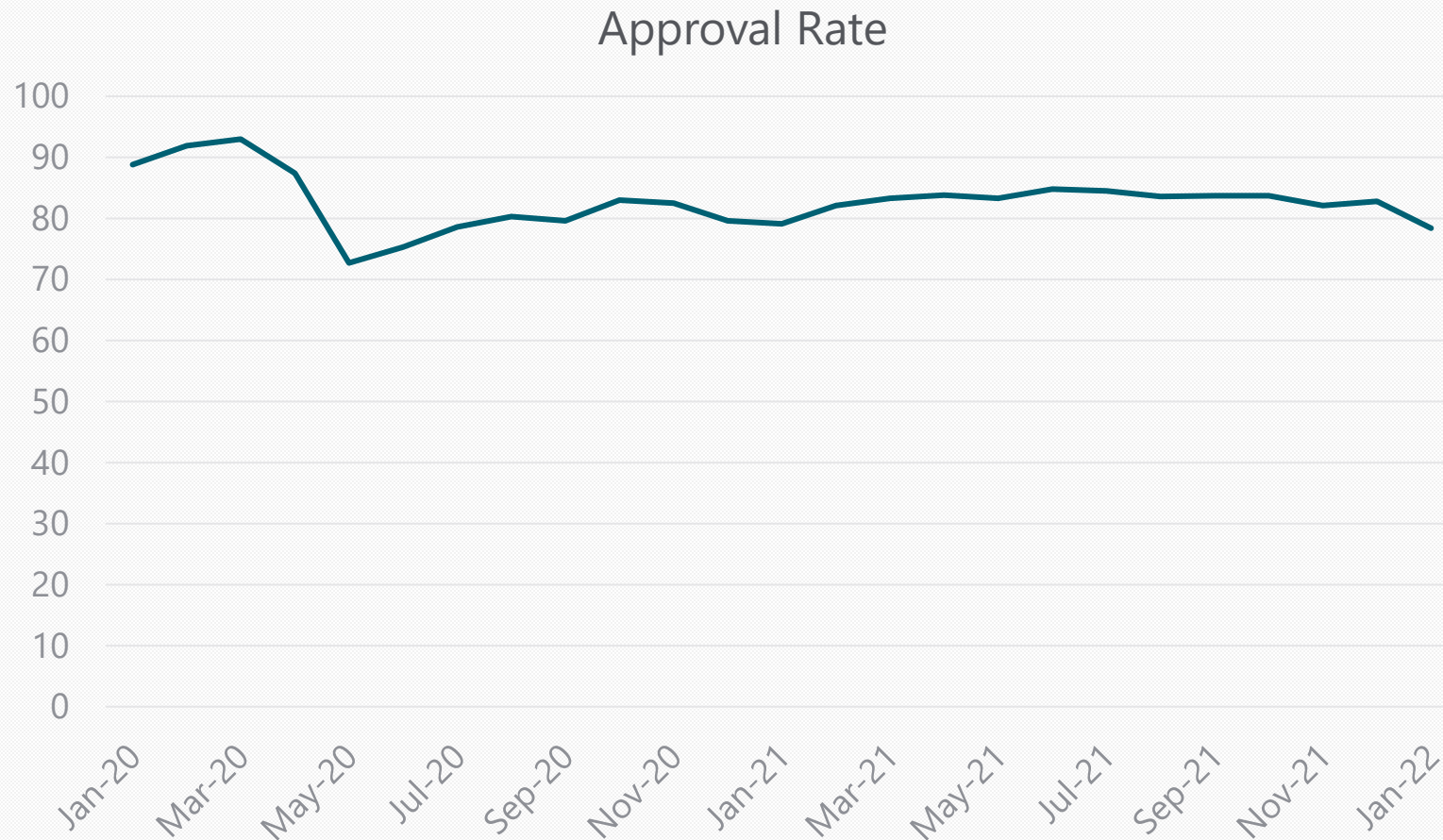
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# Application & Weekly Claim data through January 2022

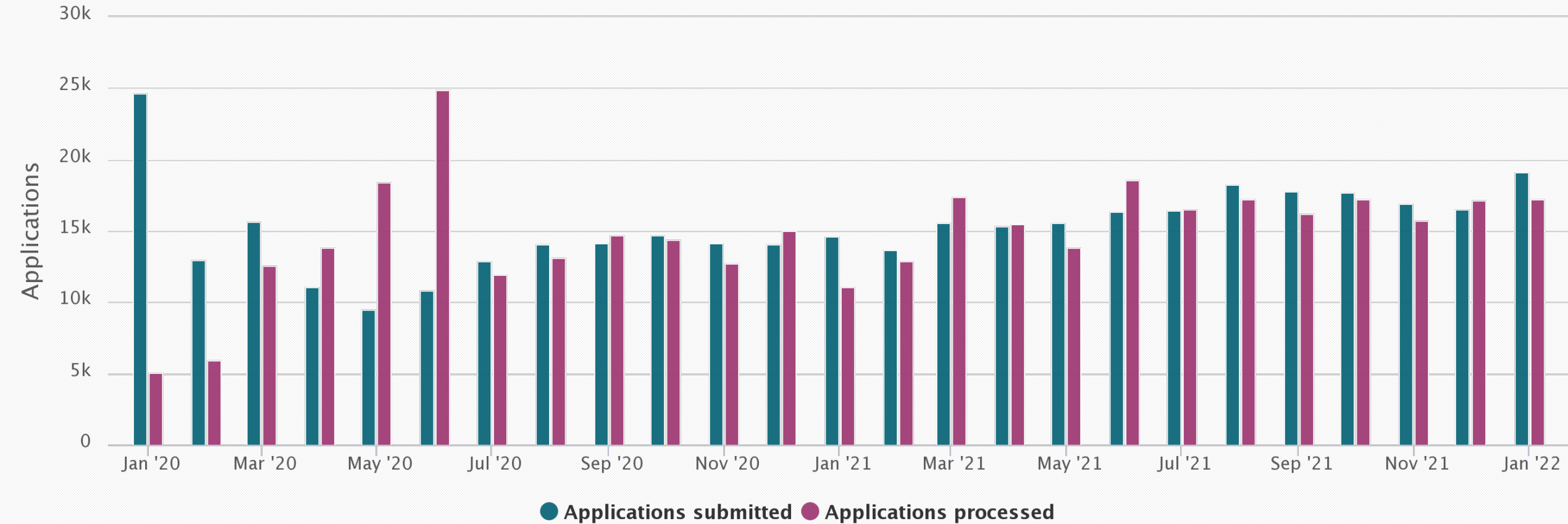




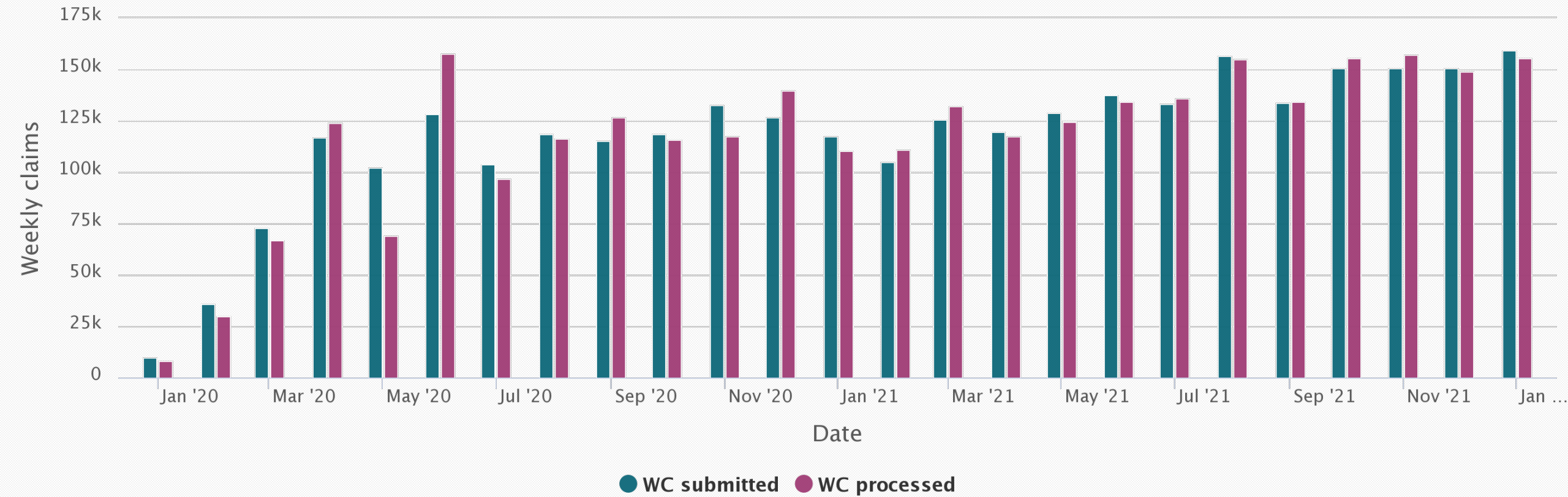
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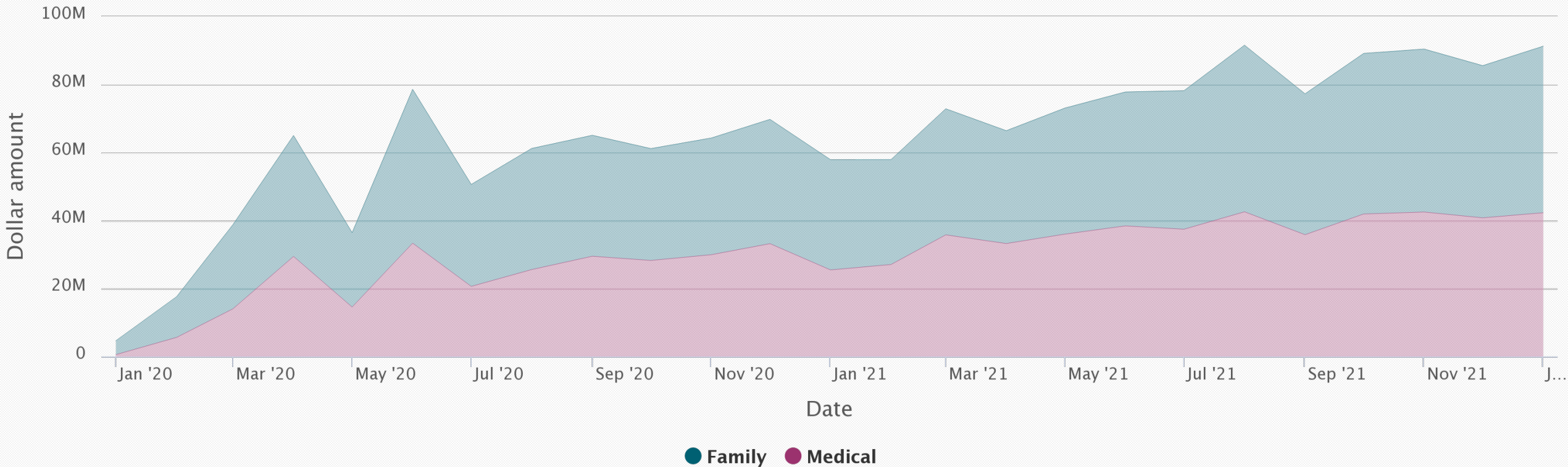
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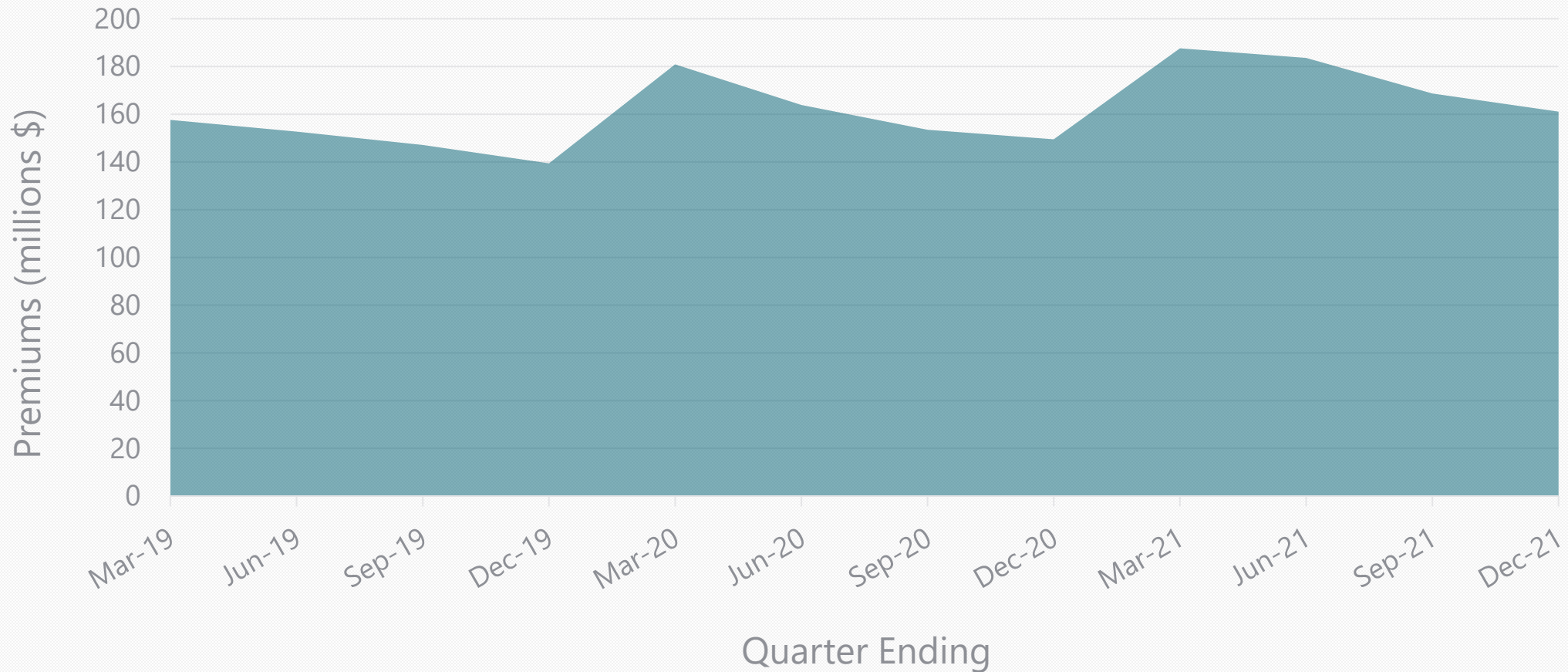


# Benefits payments approved – through January 2022



# Premiums assessed – through December 2021

Collected in following quarter



# Time from application submission to first approved payment– past 12 months

	Median weeks	Average weeks
Jan-21	4.1	5.8
Feb-21	3.9	5.4
Mar-21	3.9	5.0
Apr-21	3.4	4.8
May-21	3.6	4.9
Jun-21	3.7	4.7
Jul-21	3.4	4.8
Aug-21	3.3	4.6
Sep-21	3.6	4.8
Oct-21	3.6	4.9
Nov-21	3.6	5.0
Dec-21	3.6	4.9
Jan-22	3.9	5.2