

## Magellan Health, Inc. (MGLN)

**\$72.71** (As of 08/24/20)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$76.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

**Zacks Recommendation:**

**Neutral**

(Since: 07/03/20)

Prior Recommendation: Underperform

Short Term: 1-3 Months

**Zacks Rank:** (1-5)

**3-Hold**

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM:D

Value: C

Growth: D

Momentum: F

### Summary

Magellan Health's strategic acquisitions and alliances over the years in both its segments, namely Healthcare and Pharmacy Management, led to a healthy inorganic profile. In a bid to streamline business operations, it has entered into a definitive agreement to sell its Magellan Complete Care (MCC) business to Molina Healthcare. Its shares have underperformed the industry in a year. Nevertheless, the company riding on its operational efficiency improvements and is on track to achieve a more industry competitive administrative cost structure in 2020 and beyond. Also, its second-quarter earnings beat estimates. However, its revenues are under pressure due to weak Behavioral & Specialty Healthcare and Pharmacy Management businesses. Its lower ROE adds to the stock's unattractiveness. Suspension of share buybacks also remains a concern.

### Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	<b>\$81.04 - \$30.60</b>
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	<b>119,189</b>
Market Cap	<b>\$1.8 B</b>
YTD Price Change	<b>-7.1%</b>
Beta	<b>1.21</b>
Dividend / Div Yld	<b>\$0.00 / 0.0%</b>
Industry	<b>Medical - HMOs</b>
Zacks Industry Rank	<b>Top 13% (34 out of 252)</b>

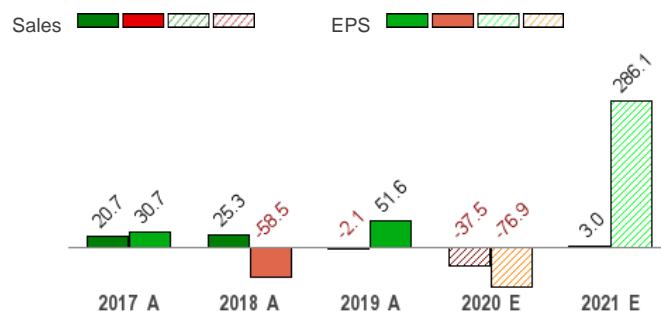
Last EPS Surprise	<b>68.0%</b>
Last Sales Surprise	<b>5.1%</b>
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	<b>-67.6%</b>
Expected Report Date	<b>11/06/2020</b>
Earnings ESP	<b>0.0%</b>

P/E TTM	<b>16.3</b>
P/E F1	<b>84.6</b>
PEG F1	<b>3.6</b>
P/S TTM	<b>0.3</b>

### Price, Consensus & Surprise



### Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



### Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021					4,605 E
2020	1,794 A	1,100 A	1,131 E	1,118 E	4,471 E
2019	1,739 A	1,788 A	1,829 A	1,803 A	7,159 A

### EPS Estimates

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021					\$3.32 E
2020	\$1.15 A	\$0.84 A	-\$0.12 E	-\$0.12 E	\$0.86 E
2019	\$0.40 A	\$0.86 A	\$1.23 A	\$1.24 A	\$3.73 A

\*Quarterly figures may not add up to annual.

The data in the charts and tables, including the Zacks Consensus EPS and Sales estimates, is as of 08/24/2020. The reports text is as of 08/25/2020.

## Overview

Founded in 1969, Magellan Health offers healthcare management services in the United States. It is headquartered in Scottsdale, AZ.

The company has two segments, namely, **Healthcare** (contributed 71% of the company's total 2019 revenues) and **Pharmacy Management** segments (39%).

The Healthcare segment is further broken into two reporting units — Behavioral & Specialty Health and Magellan Complete Care (MCC)

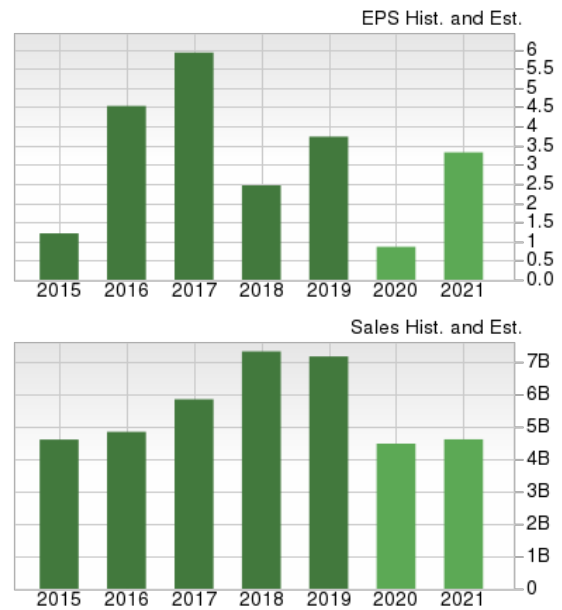
The **Behavioral & Specialty Health** reporting unit's customers include health plans, accountable care organizations, employers, state Medicaid agencies, the United States military and various federal government agencies for which Magellan provides carve-out management services for behavioral health, employee assistance plans (EAPs) and other areas of specialty healthcare including diagnostic imaging, musculoskeletal management, cardiac and physical medicine.

MCC largely focuses on managing care for special populations including individuals with serious mental illness (SMI), dual eligibles, the aged, blind and the disabled (ABD) and other populations with unique and often complex healthcare needs.

The **Pharmacy Management** segment consists of products and solutions, which provide financial and clinical management of pharmaceuticals. It offers pharmacy benefit management services, pharmacy benefit administration for state Medicaid and other government sponsored programs, pharmaceutical dispensing services, clinical and formulary management programs, medical pharmacy management programs and programs for the integrated management of specialty drugs that treat complex conditions.

These services are available individually, in combination or on a fully integrated manner. The company markets its pharmacy management services to health plans, employers, third-party administrators, state governments, Medicare Part D beneficiaries, government agencies, exchanges, brokers and consultants.

Pharmacy Management enter into contracts with its customers for services using risk-based, gain share or ASO arrangements. In addition, the Pharmacy Management segment provides services to the MCC reporting unit within the Healthcare segment.



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## Reasons To Buy:

▲ **Strategic Acquisitions:** Over the years, the company has expanded its capabilities through a series of acquisitions. In Healthcare segment, a number of acquisition from 2013-2017 expanded the company's MCC reporting unit. Magellan also increased its presence within the federal marketplace through the acquisition of Armed Forces Services Corporation ("AFSC") in 2016, which falls under the Behavioral & Specialty Health reporting unit. Notably, in pharmacy management, buyouts from 2013-2016 expanded the company's presence in the Pharmacy benefit management market. These transactions expanded its business portfolio, leading to long-term growth.

Magellan Health growth initiatives and strategic buyouts poise the company well for long-term growth.

▲ **Business Streamlining:** Magellan Health has entered into a definitive agreement to sell its Magellan Complete Care (MCC) business to Molina Healthcare for \$850 million. The sale eliminates the risk involved in the company's ability to execute its MCC profitability improvement initiatives and allows the leadership team to focus on the remaining businesses, which provide high returns. The transaction is expected to be completed by the end of the first quarter of 2021. On May 11, 2020, the company announced its decision to exit the Medicare Part D business by this year-end and fully dedicate Magellan Rx's Medicare team to concentrate on continued growth across its health plan and employer Pharmacy Benefit Management business.

▲ **Operational Efficiency Improvement Initiative:** The company continues to progress well on its operational efficiency improvements. It is working to achieve a more industry competitive administrative cost structure in 2020 and beyond. These initiatives are expected to result in cost improvement of nearly \$30 million by 2021 and nearly \$75 million by 2022. We believe these initiatives will drive margin recovery.

▲ **Favorable Solvency Position:** The company's debt-to-equity ratio declined in 2020, strengthening its balance sheet. Its debt-to-equity ratio of 47% is lower than the industry average of 61.8% and was also down from 45% as of Mar 31, 2020. Thus, the company's solvency position looks encouraging.

▲ **Share Price Performance:** In a year, the stock has underperformed its industry. Nevertheless, the company's progress on fundamentals should further aid its stock price.

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## Reasons To Sell:

- ▼ **Tepid Revenue Growth:** The company witnessed steady top-line improvement over the years, which is evident from its six-year CAGR of 14.7% (2012-2018). However, for 2019, the same was down 2% year over year. In the first six months of 2020 revenues decreased 2.2% year over year. For 2020, the company expects total revenues within \$4.4-\$4.6 billion, implying a 37.5% fall from 2019 reported revenues.
- ▼ **Low Profitability:** The company's return on equity (ROE) undermines its growth potential. Its trailing 12-month ROE of 7.7% compares unfavorably with the industry average of 26.2%, suggesting that it is less efficient in using shareholders' funds.
- ▼ **Tepid Guidance:** For 2020, adjusted earnings per share of 63 cents to \$1.1 are expected. The mid-point of the guidance indicates that earnings will decline 28.5% from 2019 reported bottom-line figure. The company also anticipates 2020 segment profit in the range of \$145-\$165 million and revenues in the band of \$4.4-\$4.6 billion. The mid-point of segment profit and revenue guidance also suggests a decline of 12.4% and 37.5%, respectively, year over year.
- ▼ **Absence of Share Buyback and Dividends:** The company made no share repurchases during the fourth quarter of 2019 and in the first half of 2020. It also does not expect to pay any dividend in 2020. We perceive this suspension of share buyback and dividend payout not bode well with investors as the concerns about revenue decline and cost escalation persist.

Declining revenues, decline in earnings in Pharmacy business, low profitability makes the stock look unattractive.

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## Last Earnings Report

### Magellan Health Q2 Earnings Top Estimates

Magellan Health, Inc.'s second-quarter 2020 earnings of 84 cents per share beat the Zacks Consensus Estimate by 68%. However, the bottom line was down 2.3% year over year.

Meanwhile, revenues of \$1.1 billion surpassed the Zacks Consensus Estimate by 5.11% but the top line was down 4.7% year over year. This decrease was largely attributable to net contract losses within the healthcare segment.

Segmental profit was up 6% year over year to \$57 million. The company gained from reduced levels of medical utilization amid a decline in elective services across its healthcare businesses.

Healthcare segment's profit of \$60.8 million was up 48% year over year, driven by lower utilization trends in the specialty healthcare reporting unit due to COVID-19.

Pharmacy Management segment's profit of \$13.2 million plunged 57% year over year due to losses in the Medicare Part D business, customer settlements related to prior periods, and start-up costs associated with the Medi-Cal contract implementation.

Total costs and expenses slid 4.6% year over year to \$1.09 billion on lower cost of care.

### Capital Position (as of Jun 30, 2020)

The company's cash and cash equivalents totaled \$160.4 million, up 39.4% from the level on Dec 31, 2019.

Total assets of the company increased 8.4% to \$3.4 billion from the figure at 2019 end.

Total stockholder's equity rose 10.4% from the level on Dec 31, 2019 to \$1.54 billion.

### 2020 Guidance

The company expects net revenues in the range of \$4.4-\$4.6 billion. Net income is projected in the bracket of \$15-\$27 million, which equates with an earnings per share range of 59 cents to \$1.06. Adjusted net income is envisioned in the band of \$16-\$28 million, which equates with an adjusted EPS range of 63 cents to \$1.10. Segment profit for the full year is forecast within \$145-\$165 million.

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**Quarter Ending** **06/2020**

Report Date	Jul 29, 2020
Sales Surprise	5.11%
EPS Surprise	68.00%
Quarterly EPS	0.84
Annual EPS (TTM)	4.46

## Recent News

### Magellan's Unit to Improve Behavioral Health of Children - Jul 22, 2020

Magellan Health's healthcare business unit, Magellan Healthcare, recently partnered with Neuromotion, Inc. through which specific Magellan members can avail — Mightier — an in-home digital platform for children. Notably, this platform will be available through a pilot program. By integrating video games with clinically validated emotion calming skills, the Mightier program, intends to develop emotional skills in children, which in turn, is likely to boost their confidence. Notably, this can be achieved by staying within the comfort of one's home. The program even has the facility of a personalized dashboard through which a child's progress can be observed. There will also be a licensed, master's level clinician, who will train the child on a one-to-one basis.

### Magellan Health's Initiative to Help Fight Mental Illnesses - Jun 23, 2020

Magellan Health launched a free crisis-texting service to help people combat mental illness during the COVID-19 pandemic. A certified, licensed mental health clinician will be accessible to people for confidential mental health treatment. This is yet another initiative taken by Magellan Health to aid people during these uncertain times. People are trying to cope with various kinds of emotions such as fear, sadness and anger as a result of the coronavirus outbreak. Individuals across the nation are undergoing huge stress. The company is a leader in managing the fastest-growing, most complex areas of health including behavioral health. It provides counselling on the same and support people all over the country. This initiative will likely help people combat mental health issues during such unprecedented crisis.

## Valuation

Magellan Health shares are down 7.1% in the year-to-date period, but is up 13% over the trailing 12-month period. Stocks in the Zacks sub-industry and the Zacks Medical sector are down 2.7% and 0.3% in the year-to-date period, respectively. Over the past year, the Zacks sub-industry and the sector is up 21.4% and 8.8%, respectively.

The S&P 500 index is up 6.5% in the year-to-date period and up 19.5% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 29.59x trailing a forward 12-month earnings, which compares with 15.47x for the Zacks sub-industry, 22.11x for the Zacks sector and 23.05x for the S&P 500 Index.

Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 44.59x and as low as 8x with a 5-year median of 16.73x. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in-line with the market. Our \$76 price target reflects 30.89x forward earnings.

The table below shows summary valuation data for MGLN

Valuation Multiples - MGLN					
		Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500
P/E F 12M	Current	29.59	15.47	22.11	23.05
	5-Year High	44.59	20.58	23.21	23.05
	5-Year Low	8	12.48	15.89	15.25
	5-Year Median	16.73	15.99	18.97	17.58
P/S F12M	Current	0.4	0.78	2.79	3.76
	5-Year High	0.42	0.86	3.42	3.76
	5-Year Low	0.11	0.48	2.23	2.53
	5-Year Median	0.28	0.7	2.89	3.05
P/B TTM	Current	1.19	3.25	3.82	4.64
	5-Year High	2.1	4.07	5.07	4.64
	5-Year Low	0.57	2.3	2.94	2.83
	5-Year Median	1.37	3.2	4.29	3.76

As of 08/24/2020

## Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Top 13% (34 out of 252)



## Top Peers

Company (Ticker)	Rec	Rank
The Joint Corp. (JYNT)	Outperform	2
Select Medical Holdings Corporation (SEM)	Outperform	1
Anthem, Inc. (ANTM)	Neutral	3
Cigna Corporation (CI)	Neutral	3
Centene Corporation (CNC)	Neutral	3
Humana Inc. (HUM)	Neutral	2
Molina Healthcare, Inc (MOH)	Neutral	3
UnitedHealth Group Incorporated (UNH)	Neutral	3

Industry Comparison Industry: Medical - Hmos				Industry Peers		
	MGLN	X Industry	S&P 500	CI	CNC	UNH
Zacks Recommendation (Long Term)	Neutral	-	-	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
Zacks Rank (Short Term)	3	-	-	3	3	3
VGM Score	D	-	-	A	A	A
Market Cap	1.84 B	2.23 B	23.81 B	65.24 B	34.93 B	293.50 B
# of Analysts	2	8	14	14	12	13
Dividend Yield	0.00%	0.00%	1.64%	0.02%	0.00%	1.62%
Value Score	C	-	-	A	A	B
Cash/Price	0.13	0.33	0.07	0.13	0.40	0.09
EV/EBITDA	9.06	9.15	13.37	7.45	12.00	13.74
PEG Ratio	3.59	1.47	3.02	0.87	0.88	1.47
Price/Book (P/B)	1.19	2.14	3.17	1.38	1.39	4.41
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	7.99	11.43	12.77	6.55	9.03	16.90
P/E (F1)	85.27	15.34	21.72	9.61	12.37	18.62
Price/Sales (P/S)	0.28	0.61	2.48	0.42	0.38	1.18
Earnings Yield	1.18%	5.94%	4.44%	10.41%	8.08%	5.37%
Debt/Equity	0.42	0.59	0.76	0.67	0.66	0.60
Cash Flow (\$/share)	9.10	6.68	6.93	27.12	6.68	18.28
Growth Score	D	-	-	A	A	A
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	1.93%	26.09%	10.41%	20.75%	28.45%	25.29%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	-76.94%	10.44%	-5.05%	8.45%	10.28%	9.76%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	14.08%	14.42%	5.20%	138.17%	45.38%	14.76%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	3.37%	13.62%	8.50%	31.41%	49.67%	19.53%
Current Ratio	2.05	1.46	1.33	0.74	1.22	0.84
Debt/Capital	29.38%	37.57%	44.50%	40.17%	39.94%	38.56%
Net Margin	2.20%	4.51%	10.13%	3.41%	1.70%	6.90%
Return on Equity	7.74%	19.01%	14.66%	15.89%	14.07%	29.28%
Sales/Assets	2.04	1.39	0.51	0.99	1.74	1.36
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	-37.55%	12.30%	-1.45%	11.17%	48.27%	5.33%
Momentum Score	F	-	-	C	B	B
Daily Price Chg	-1.69%	-0.97%	1.32%	-0.35%	-3.51%	-1.69%
1 Week Price Chg	-2.56%	-2.38%	-1.45%	-2.78%	-3.36%	-2.95%
4 Week Price Chg	-3.05%	2.44%	3.38%	1.24%	-10.39%	3.43%
12 Week Price Chg	-0.93%	-0.17%	7.69%	-10.31%	-8.25%	0.95%
52 Week Price Chg	12.97%	7.01%	3.85%	16.20%	33.16%	33.65%
20 Day Average Volume	119,189	221,128	1,873,293	1,752,959	2,806,363	2,682,753
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	-67.61%	0.03%	1.00%	0.29%	-0.69%	0.07%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	-71.68%	1.47%	3.40%	0.43%	2.81%	2.00%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	-128.05%	-2.48%	0.00%	-7.74%	-7.47%	0.00%

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Value Score	C
Growth Score	D
Momentum Score	F
VGM Score	D

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