MEDICAID MINUTE

from the West Virginia Association of Health Plans

Welcome to Medicaid Minute from the West Virginia Association of Health Plans. Every month you can expect our newsletter to provide you with the most up to date information about the work Managed Care Organizations are doing within the Medicaid Program and for our state. We want to serve as a resource for your Medicaid questions.

Community Outreach Programs

Food pantries all across our state have been hit hard from families in need of basic food supplies and household items due to the affects of COVID-19. Furloughs, layoffs, and business closures have had an economic impact all across the Mountain State. This is why community outreach programs are such an important part of how the MCOs of West Virginia continue to care and support our local communities.

The Health Plan (THP) began supporting the hunger initiative early on the COVID-19 pandemic. In April, THP selected ten non-profit organizations throughout West Virginia, and donated \$50,000 to help feed those in need. In an article published by wrtf.com, the CEO of THP, John Wright said, "Continuing our mission as a community health organization, it's important for The Health Plan to focus available resources on those most in need throughout our state." These donations have allowed some of the recipients to continue their efforts with curbside deliveries, and providing food bags to students at local schools. The goal was to supply these organizations with additional food and to serve those most vulnerable. Thousands have been helped and The Health Plan is honored to be a part of something that is making a difference in the communities across West Virginia.

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WV Medicaid Highlights*

Total enrollment in WV Medicaid: 537,574 members
MCO Total Enrollment: 416,938 members

SSI Enrollment:

41,380

Expansion Enrollment:

169,298

TANF Enrollment:

206,260

MCO Age Demographics: 42% are 19 years old or younger 32% are 20-39 years old 26% are 40 years old or older

Good News Stories



"We are grateful to community partners like The Health Plan for their help during this difficult time; donations such as this are critical in providing stability." Beth Zarate, CEO of Catholic Charities West Virginia. Good work THP!



^{*} Data Source: DHHR report 10-1-20