

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.

ABHWV COVID-19 Hunger Relief Efforts

Aetna Better Health of West Virginia donated \$45,000 toward the hunger relief initiative brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Facing Hunger Foodbank and Mountaineer Food Bank were the recipients of this generous donation, and were able to provide 337,500 meals all across West Virginia. Todd White, CEO of ABHWV says, "These funds will allow for additional food supplies to be secured and distributed to those most in need across our great state." For more than seven years, Aetna has partnered with various food banks to assist communities in providing food and other supplies. In their ongoing efforts to fight against food insecurity, Aetna has also sponsored an annual event held at the capitol called "Hunger Free Day WV."

4-H Programs Available to Youths in Foster Care

Aetna Better Health of West Virginia partnered with the WVU Extension Service to provide funding for children in foster care who are interested in 4-H developmental programs. Jordan Pruett, a community development coordinator with Aetna and 4-H alumnus said that he is hopeful that "4-H would be that connection for them to be able to thrive and have those lifelong friendships - whether that be with adult mentors or youths their own age. I want them to prosper and have a rewarding life." To read more about this opportunity, click [here](#).

WV Medicaid Highlights*

Total enrollment in WV Medicaid:

547,890 members

MCO Total Enrollment:

422,527 members

SSI Enrollment:

41,297

Expansion Enrollment:

173,251

TANF Enrollment:

207,979

MCO Age Demographics:

42% are 19 years old or younger

32% are 20-39 years old

26% are 40 years old or older

* Data Source: DHHR report 11-1-20

Good News Stories



Aetna Better Health* of West Virginia

"Through this generous donation, senior citizens, children, homeless individuals, and those suffering with illness will continue to be able to access the food they need during this difficult time," says Cynthia Kirkhart, Executive Director of Facing Hunger Foodbank.



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