

# 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.

## Addressing Food Insecurity Around the State

Food insecurity is a term that includes people who cannot afford food but also households that consistently lack enough food for everyone in the home. The [U.S. Dept of Agriculture](#) says that 10.5% of all U.S. households experienced food insecurity in 2019. Research from Northwestern University estimates that during the pandemic, that number more than doubled.

The West Virginia managed care organizations (MCOs) have partnered with various agencies around the state to address food insecurity affecting our communities. Since 2020, the WV MCOs have collectively donated over \$7.5 million to local food banks, shelters, churches, missions and other organizations providing food to those in need. These efforts are not just being supported monetarily, but the dedicated employees of the managed care companies are in these communities serving and working to make a difference.

The MCOs outreach extends beyond food insecurity and includes resources for new mothers and babies, book drives, back to school events, transportation, education grants, assist in job search, and much more.

## WV Medicaid Highlights\*

Total enrollment in WV Medicaid:  
618,331 members  
MCO Total Enrollment:  
475,023 members  
SSI Enrollment:  
36,861 (8%)  
Expansion Enrollment:  
206,029 (44%)  
TANF Enrollment:  
215,564 (45%)  
CHIP Enrollment:  
16,569 (3%)

\* Data Source: DHHR report 8-1-23

## Good News Stories

