

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.

WVAHP Joins Calls for Permanent Telehealth Reform

The Medicaid MCOs encourage telehealth reform to protect West Virginia's at-risk communities. In March, the Governor's Executive Order 07-20, suspended telehealth restrictions in order to provide a safer environment for the state's at-risk communities during the COVID-19 crisis.

WVAHP encourages our legislators, and others, to support the permanent suspension of telehealth requirements outlined in our May 18th press release.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

MCOs and COVID-19 FAQs

The WVAHP issued a guide of frequently asked questions on how the MCOs of West Virginia are responding to the COVID-19 crisis. The MCOs focus has always been to provide quality coordinated health care to their members, which is why certain measures were taken at the onset of the pandemic. Actions like removing all medical prior authorizations during the crisis, removal of telehealth restrictions, and making payments for lab testing of COVID-19 regardless of in-network status, were put in place to add quick access and added flexibility for members and providers.

More information on these frequently asked questions can be found by visiting our website at:

<https://www.ahpwv.com/covid-19>

WV Medicaid Highlights*

Total enrollment in WV Medicaid:

509,336 members

MCO Total Enrollment:

391,093 members

SSI Enrollment:

41,738

Expansion Enrollment:

152,647

TANF Enrollment:

196,708

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 5-1-20

Good News Stories



In April, The Health Plan donated a total of \$50,000 to various food banks across West Virginia. Ten non-profit organizations each received \$5,000 to help local communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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