

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.

Medicaid Redetermination

During the COVID-19 pandemic the federal government paused the Medicaid eligibility redetermination process to ensure continuity of care for those who were covered by Medicaid. Now that the public health emergency has ended the process of checking for Medicaid eligibility (redetermination) has been reestablished. DHHR began reaching out to Medicaid members via U.S. mail to fill out eligibility forms. This process will continue through January 2024 (twelve months total). The DHHR has a FAQ document to explain the process of redetermination for Medicaid members: [Frequently Asked Questions \(wv.gov\)](#). It also has a toolkit for providers and others: [West Virginia Medicaid, Public Health Emergency and Unwinding the Continuous Eligibility \(wv.gov\)](#).

What's the best thing a Medicaid member can do in the meantime? The best thing for enrollees to do is to update their contact information at wvpath.wv.gov, or call 1-877-716-1212, or email dhhrbcfchangectr@wv.gov.

It is estimated that around 18 million people could lose Medicaid eligibility nation-wide, but more than half will be able to get coverage through their employers, while others can purchase through state insurance marketplaces.

WV Medicaid Highlights*

Total enrollment in WV Medicaid:
673,793 members
MCO Total Enrollment:
528,105 members
SSI Enrollment:
38,083 (7%)
Expansion Enrollment:
232,286 (44%)
TANF Enrollment:
241,616 (46%)
CHIP Enrollment:
16,120 (3%)

* Data Source: DHHR report 5-1-23

Good News Stories



The Health Plan donated \$10,000 to 12 area food banks. Jeff Knight, president and CEO said, "We understand the significant challenges faced by individuals and families experiencing food insecurity, and we are dedicated to supporting their well-being. By supporting these food banks, we aim to alleviate hunger and contribute to the overall health of West Virginians." Well done THP!



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