

# 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.

## Phase 2 Funding Deadline Extended

The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced that they have extended the application deadline for Phase 2 of the General Distribution to August 28, 2020. The HHS Secretary Alex Azar said, "Extending the deadline for Medicaid providers and giving certain Medicare providers another shot at funding is another example of our work with providers to ensure as many as possible receive the support they need."

Phase 2 includes a \$15 billion distribution where eligible Medicaid, Medicaid managed care, CHIP and dental providers can apply for up to 2% of their annual patient revenues. The purpose of this is to reach providers who participate in the Medicaid and CHIP programs that did not receive funding in Phase 1. This will ensure fairness in the handling of the Provider Relief Fund program.

Additionally, some providers or group practices that had a change of ownership in 2020 may have missed out on payments made under Phase 1. Automatic payments were determined by the 2019 CMS payment data that was on file, therefore missing any ownership changes made in 2020. Beginning on August 10th, providers who experienced ownership change may apply for provider relief funding. [Click here to read the press release.](#)

## WV Medicaid Highlights\*

Total enrollment in WV Medicaid:

519,348 members

MCO Total Enrollment:

406,149 members

SSI Enrollment:

41,774

Expansion Enrollment:

160,409

TANF Enrollment:

203,966

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 7-1-20

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Aetna Better Health\* of West Virginia

Aetna Better Health of West Virginia (ABHWV) has donated \$45,000 to Facing Hunger Foodbank and Mountaineer Food bank in an effort to help with the challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. This gift will provide 337,500 meals across our state. Thank you ABHWV for your generosity.



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