

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.

Snapshot of Children's Medicaid Coverage

In a 2017 factsheet published by Georgetown University Center for Children & Families and the American Academy of Pediatrics, 40% of all Medicaid enrollees are children under the age of 19. In the last two years, that number has increased to 43%.

Children living in poverty, infants/toddlers/pre-schoolers, children with disabilities, children in foster care and newborns are among the most vulnerable population in West Virginia. They rely on programs like EPSDT - Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnostic & Treatment - so that health problems or developmental delays can be identified early or possibly even prevented. Medicaid is vital in helping these children thrive and live healthy productive lives.

Children enrolled in Medicaid are more likely to miss fewer days of school due to illness, do better academically, more likely to graduate high school and attend college, grow to be healthier adults, earn higher wages and pay taxes. The outcome of the health care these children receive not only has short term effects but long term as well. To read the fact sheet in its entirety, click the link below.

<https://www.ahpwv.com/member-news/snapshot-of-children-s-medicaid-coverage-in-west-virginia>

WV Medicaid Highlights*

Total enrollment in WV Medicaid:
487,962 members

MCO Total Enrollment:
388,249 members

SSI Enrollment:
42,860

Expansion Enrollment:
148,125

TANF Enrollment:
197,264

MCO Age Demographics:
43% are 19 years old or younger
30% are 20-39 years old
27% are 40 years old or older

* Data Source: DHHR report 6-1-19

Good News Stories



UniCare is partnering with Comfort Cases to help supply children in foster care with items as they transition into a new home. The backpacks and duffle bags are filled with blankets, stuffed animals and more. UniCare has also donated \$25,000 to this organization in 2019.



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