

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 & CHIP Enrollment At A Glance

Last week, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the latest enrollment numbers for Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

January 2022:

- Medicaid enrollment totaled 79,982,228 members, an increase of 546,182 from December
- CHIP enrollment totaled 6,971,159 members, an increase of 10,333 from December
- Nearly 2.5 million Medicaid and CHIP applications were submitted to states

Between December 2021 and January 2022, the total number of Medicaid and CHIP enrollment increased by 0.5%-2.0% in 35 states, including West Virginia. And in nine states, including West Virginia, applications for Medicaid and CHIP decreased by 10%-30%.

Medicaid and CHIP enrollment numbers have seen an increase of over 16 million members (or 23%) since February 2020. CMS reports this increase is most likely caused by the pandemic and the continuous enrollment of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

The CMS report can be viewed in its entirety by clicking [here](#).

WV Medicaid Highlights*

Total enrollment in WV Medicaid:

617,991 members

MCO Total Enrollment:

503,167 members

SSI Enrollment:

39,608 (8%)

Expansion Enrollment:

212,512 (41%)

TANF Enrollment:

233,462 (47%)

CHIP Enrollment:

17,585 (4%)

* Data Source: DHHR report 4-1-22

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Kimberly Messer, is a part of the Aetna Clinical Health Services and a 2021 iCARE Runner Up Winner.

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