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.

Important Details of Medicaid

Over the last several months, talks of changes to the Medicaid program have captured headlines across the nation. Coverage, financing and access to care are a part of the potential changes coming. KFF, an organization that provides information on health policy, published an article emphasizing ten important details around Medicaid. Highlighted below are a few of those topics mentioned in the article.

- 1. *Medicaid is a key source of coverage for certain populations:* In WV, TANF (temporary assistance for needy families) is the largest Medicaid population served, followed by Expansion (adults under 65 with specific income levels being met), SSI (supplemental security income), and CHIPS.
- 2. Medicaid is jointly financed by the federal government and states: FMAPs, Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentages, are determined based on a set formula to cover services for eligible Medicaid members. In West Virginia, the FMAP for the general Medicaid population is 74% and 90% for the expansion population.
- 3. Three-quarters of all Medicaid enrollees receive care through comprehensive, risk-based MCOs: In West Virginia, 75% or more of Medicaid members are enrolled in one of four managed care organizations.

To learn more about what KFF shared in this article, be sure to visit their website by clicking *here*.

WV Medicaid Highlights*

Total enrollment in WV Medicaid:

538,055 members

MCO Total Enrollment:

392.244 members

SSI Enrollment:

35,052 (9%)

Expansion Enrollment:

156,609 (40%)

TANF Enrollment:

177,948 (45%)

CHIP Enrollment:

22,635 (6%)

Good News Stories



The Health Plan is the title sponsor at this year's Tough as Nails Urban Challenge. The event was held on May 25th. Click the <u>link</u> to learn more.





^{*} Data Source: DHHR report 3-1-25