

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.

SB 746 Passes

The Legislature passed SB 746, providing contracted managed care companies access to uniform maternal screening tool. This is a significant healthcare benefit to expecting mothers to identify conditions during pregnancy that could put the mother and/or baby at risk. By giving MCOs access to this information early in the pregnancy, they will be able to arrange OB services to address those concerns that were identified. This coordination of care will increase the mother and baby's chance of a healthy pregnancy and safe delivery; while decreasing unnecessary medical expenses.

MCOs Prepare for COVID-19

The Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that began in China and quickly spread to other countries including the U.S. The MCOs in West Virginia have been preparing for when the Coronavirus reaches WV. The WV Office of the Insurance Commissioner issued guidance to insurers regarding COVID-19 response. WV's MCOs are reviewing internal processes to ensure they are prepared to address COVID-19 cases and are eliminating prior authorization requirements to ensure prompt utilization review for necessary treatment. In a time like this, accurate information and proper preparation allows the MCOs to continue the careful management of quality healthcare to their members.

WV Medicaid Highlights*

Total enrollment in WV Medicaid:

472,071 members

MCO Total Enrollment:

387,257 members

SSI Enrollment:

42,147

Expansion Enrollment:

149,304

TANF Enrollment:

195,806

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 3-1-20

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