

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.

Public Health Emergency & Redetermination

The Public Health Emergency (PHE) for COVID-19 was renewed on July 15, 2022, and will extend for a period of 90 days, or until October 15th. This extension continues to expand access to Medicaid, vaccinations, and other healthcare treatments. The federal government has committed to providing states with a 60-day notice before the PHE will expire.

The managed care organizations (MCOs) are watching closely on when the PHE may be lifted because of its effect on Medicaid redetermination. Redetermination is the process through which Medicaid members are deemed eligible to continue their coverage. Currently, coverage for Medicaid members is automatically renewed without having to meet requirements to qualify, but once the PHE ends, those requirements will be reestablished.

What should Medicaid members do?

Medicaid members are encouraged to visit www.wvpath.org to update their contact information in the meantime. In preparation for the ending of the PHE and subsequent redetermination process, the MCOs and DHHR will be sending important information to each Medicaid member. Members should be certain their most current contact information is updated.

WV Medicaid Highlights*

Total enrollment in WV Medicaid:

672,505 members

MCO Total Enrollment:

507,757 members

SSI Enrollment:

38,823 (8%)

Expansion Enrollment:

216,095 (41%)

TANF Enrollment:

235,620 (47%)

CHIP Enrollment:

17,219 (4%)

* Data Source: DHHR report 8-1-22

Good News Stories



iCARE 2021

Sheri Meyer, a Nurse Navigator with The Health Plan, is a 2021 iCare Honorable Mention. Sheri's story we titled, "Team Approach", can be read by going [here](#).



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