

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.

MCOs Offer Assistance to Providers

The Managed Care Organizations of WV are taking temporary measures to help assist the provider community during the COVID-19 pandemic. These actions come as a result from joint discussions between the MCOs and the Bureau of Medical Services. In addition to waiving prior authorizations for COVID-19 related testing, other temporary measures include - temporarily removing all medical prior authorization requirements, previously approved prior authorizations have been extended, adjusting telehealth restrictions, processing payment to any lab conducting COVID-19 testing, and extending SUD time periods. A press release submitted by WVAHP explaining these temporary measures in more detail can be viewed by visiting our website ahpwv.com.

MCOs Prepare for COVID-19

The MCOs are always committed to serving their members and especially now during this unprecedented time. Each plan has posted important information to their websites that may help answer commonly asked questions or concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic:

[AETNA BETTER HEALTH OF WV](#)

[THE HEALTH PLAN](#)

[UNICARE HEALTHPLAN OF WEST VIRGINIA](#)

WV Medicaid Highlights*

Total enrollment in WV Medicaid:

480,562 members

MCO Total Enrollment:

382,349 members

SSI Enrollment:

42,082

Expansion Enrollment:

148,073

TANF Enrollment:

192,194

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 4-1-20

Good News Stories

The West Virginia Association of Health Plans will also be updating our social media channels as well as our website with the latest information on COVID-19 and what the MCOs are doing in response to this pandemic.

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