

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.

Redetermination Update

Medicaid redetermination is the process that states use to determine eligibility for Medicaid benefits. During the COVID-19 pandemic, redetermination was paused so that Americans could maintain healthcare coverage throughout the public health emergency. Once it was lifted, redetermination was re-established.

April 2023, managed care companies in West Virginia began using the redetermination process to determine Medicaid eligibility. The MCOs at that time collectively had 524,572 members, and today there are 402,453. This is a 23% decrease in enrollment. KFF, formerly the Kaiser Family Foundation, published a research report earlier this month stating that of those who lost coverage in West Virginia, 75% were terminated due to procedural reasons and 25% were found ineligible. Procedural reasons can include not completing the renewal process due to the state having outdated contact information and/or missing the renewal deadline.

Lapsed members can obtain healthcare coverage through their employer or purchase insurance through the state's marketplace. New enrollees can visit wvpath.wv.gov to apply for Medicaid with one of West Virginia's MCOs - Aetna Better Health of WV, The Health Plan or UniCare Health Plan of WV.

WV Medicaid Highlights*

Total enrollment in WV Medicaid:
547,631 members
MCO Total Enrollment:
402,453 members
SSI Enrollment:
35,846 (9%)
Expansion Enrollment:
158,262 (39%)
TANF Enrollment:
185,128 (46%)
CHIP Enrollment:
23,217 (6%)

* Data Source: DHHR report 7-1-24

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