

# 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.

## WV Managed Care Snapshot

### What is Managed Care?

Medicaid managed care is a medical delivery system that provides quality healthcare while managing costs for the services members receive. Benefits and services are contractual between the state and managed care organizations (MCOs). Payment for services is set per member per month.

### Who does it help?

The MCOs in West Virginia (Aetna, The Health Plan and UniCare) provide healthcare coverage to more than 420,000 West Virginians. This includes CHIP, expansion population, persons with disabilities, adults, and temporary assistance to families in need.

According to the [Modern Medicaid Alliance \(MMA\)](#) 72% of West Virginia voters have a favorable outlook of Medicaid and 70% are opposed to cutting funding.

### What are some value-added benefits of MCOs?

Case management, coordination of services, education, behavioral health and substance use services, transportation, primary care and dental are some of the value-added benefits members can expect from their MCO. Medicaid as a whole provides coverage to over a third of the population, which is why this program is vital to West Virginia and the quality healthcare delivered, and health outcomes achieved.

## WV Medicaid Highlights\*

Total enrollment in WV Medicaid:

563,024 members

MCO Total Enrollment:

420,852 members

SSI Enrollment:

36,388 (9%)

Expansion Enrollment:

169,196 (40%)

TANF Enrollment:

194,714 (46%)

CHIP Enrollment:

20,554 (5%)

\* Data Source: DHHR report 1-1-24

## Good News Stories



An Anthem Company

UniCare Health Plan of West Virginia provided funding for 17 Oculus VR headsets used in the MY Career Academy program - designed to introduce out-of-school youths ages 16-24 to different career paths. Click [here](#) to learn more.



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