

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.

Aetna of WV iCare Award Winners

iCare 2019 Award Runner Up Winner: [Leigh Rice](#)

Leigh is a nurse with Aetna and among the members of WVAHP, she's known as the "Horse Therapy" winner. She had a young member who was traumatized by witnessing his mother's illness. He suffered with anxiety and refused to go to school because he worried something would happen to her. The boy was introduced to a group who uses horses in their therapy. Unfortunately, the group was not a participating provider in the Medicaid plan. Leigh worked with the provider to get them certified to become a participating provider so the boy could continue his care. Leigh says it's very rewarding to see a member get the care they need - [watch her story here](#).

iCare 2019 Honorable Mention: [Bethany Ferris](#)

Bethany is a nurse case manager with Aetna and shared a story with us about a baby born with NAS, neonatal abstinence syndrome. The baby was under the care of two foster parents who received education on how best to care for the child. The baby improved and was able to meet their milestones. Bethany says it gives her a sense of accomplishment to see a member do so well.

[See her story here](#).

WV Medicaid Highlights*

Total enrollment in WV Medicaid:

476,356 members

MCO Total Enrollment:

385,903 members

SSI Enrollment:

42,387

Expansion Enrollment:

148,401

TANF Enrollment:

195,115

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 12-1-19

Good News Stories



Congratulations to the 2019
iCare Award Winners
from [Aetna](#)