

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.

Prenatal Risk Screening Access

The Legislature is advancing SB 746, providing contracted managed care companies access to uniform maternal screening tool. This screening tool was created to identify conditions that could put the mother and/or baby at risk for an unhealthy pregnancy. It addresses concerns like psychological and health conditions, environmental aspects, drug use, and more. If MCOs are aware of risk factors early on, they can arrange OB services to address those concerns. Not only would this coordination of care increase the mother and baby's chance of a healthy pregnancy and safe delivery, but would also help to decrease unexpected medical costs.

CHIP Rate Setting Flexibility

Currently, WVCHIP is a fee for service program. SB641 would give WVCHIP flexibility in its rate setting instead of tying it directly to PEIA rates. This bill is necessary to help transition WVCHIP into managed care. Many of the children in the WVCHIP program frequently transition back and forth between Medicaid and WVCHIP, which can create barriers to service. Moving WVCHIP to managed care, where the Medicaid Program is, will ease transitional burdens, establish better record keeping and care management among its members. The WVAHP believes that a more comprehensive approach to managed care increases healthcare outcomes and efficiencies within the Medicaid System.

WV Medicaid Highlights*

Total enrollment in WV Medicaid:
478,451 members

MCO Total Enrollment:
383,211 members

SSI Enrollment:
42,241

Expansion Enrollment:
147,570

TANF Enrollment:
193,400

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 2-1-20

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