

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.

A Note From our Executive Director Ben Beakes

WVAHP looks forward to working with our legislators during the 2019 Legislative Session. As we explore policies that promote a healthier state and efficient delivery models the members of WVAHP are hopeful a few initiatives will be considered. First, the WVAHP supports and encourages the state's efforts to transition the foster care system into a managed care model. Second, to help combat the opioid epidemic we will ask the legislature to grant MCOs access to the Board of Pharmacy Opioid Database. Third, we are hopeful to join our industry partners and policy-makers in passing agreed-to prior authorization legislation. WVAHP has other policy ideas and is eager to discuss them with pertinent stakeholders. For our legislators, the WVAHP is here to serve as a resource to you as you make critical decisions for our state – especially as it pertains to the Medicaid Program. Here's to a collaborative and productive 2019 Legislative Session!

Opioid Task Force

This past August, WVAHP assembled a team of member plan experts to identify what efforts produce the best results in treating the opioid addiction for the Medicaid population. The content within this document is to inform policy makers of our efforts and to recommend certain policy changes that may help in the treatment of opioid addiction. To read our document in its entirety [click here](#).

WV Medicaid Highlights*

Total enrollment in WV Medicaid:
493,164 members

MCO Total Enrollment:
391,566 members

SSI Enrollment:
43,440

Expansion Enrollment:
146,667

TANF Enrollment:
201,459

MCO Age Demographics:
43% of our members are 19 years old or younger; 30% are between 20 and 39; and 27% are 40 years old or older

Good News Stories



UniCare, along with others, partnered with Stepping Stones to develop a tiny home village for youth aging out of WV's foster care system. To read more on this story click image above.

* Data Source: DHHR report ending 1-1-19