

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.

The Value of Medicaid

Nearly 75 million Americans would be uninsured, including veterans and children, if it were not for Medicaid. And of that number, managed care organizations cover over 55 million of those members.

In a 2018 article published by AHIP, America's Health Insurance Plans, a three year study showed patients who had Medicaid health plan coverage and diagnosed with asthma, diabetes mellitus or mood disorders received comparable clinical care to those covered by commercial plans. The data clearly shows that those covered by Medicaid health plans can manage these chronic illnesses far better than those who are uninsured.

The idea that Medicaid health plan coverage is detrimental to one's health or that their clinical experiences are somehow less than that of someone with commercial insurance is simply not supported in this article. Medicaid, including managed care, is essential to the millions of Americans who get the care they need to stay healthy and productive.

To view this study in its entirety please click the link below.

https://www.ahip.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/IssueBrief_Medicaid.pdf

WV Medicaid Highlights*

Total enrollment in WV Medicaid:
488,982 members

MCO Total Enrollment:
390,382 members

SSI Enrollment:
43,215

Expansion Enrollment:
148,340

TANF Enrollment:
198,827

MCO Age Demographics:
43% are 19 years old or younger
30% are 20-39 years old
27% are 40 years old or older

Good News Stories



Aetna has developed a new behavioral health program called FISH-Family Information, Support & Help to educate those caring for children with this type of need. To learn more [click here](#).

* Data Source: DHHR report ending 5-1-19



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