

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.

Beakes Presents to the Legislature



Ben Beakes, executive director of the West Virginia Association of Health Plans, presented to the WV legislature on Monday, August 26th on the successful rollout of the prior authorization

online portal. The prior authorization portal became effective on July 1st and required all providers to submit prior authorizations online.

The WVAHP spent the first half of the year preparing and training the Medicaid provider groups on the rollout in hopes of avoiding delays or confusion. Memos were sent to nine provider groups so they could communicate effectively with their members. WVAHP also hosted a webinar where more than 300 medical professionals registered to attend. The training session and Q&A that followed was well received by those who participated. The webinar can be viewed by visiting ahpww.com.

Since the portal opened, the managed care organizations have had no major concerns or problems. However, they will continue to evaluate needs for flexibility.

WV Medicaid Highlights*

Total enrollment in WV Medicaid:
545,654 members
MCO Total Enrollment:
400,252 members
SSI Enrollment:
35,662 (9%)
Expansion Enrollment:
158,232 (39%)
TANF Enrollment:
183,287 (46%)
CHIP Enrollment:
23,071 (6%)

* Data Source: DHHR report 9-1-24

Good News Stories



Family Resource Centers in Brooke and Hancock counties each received \$50,000 from Aetna Better Health of West Virginia to help serve children and families. Click [here](#) to learn more.



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