

# 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.

## Prior Authorization Webinar

During the 2023 West Virginia legislative session, SB267 passed and was signed into law. This legislation made several changes to prior authorization processes, including submissions to insurer's online portal. This new mandate will begin July 1, 2024, and requires providers to submit all prior authorizations electronically.

As a follow up to a memo sent to the provider associations in April on the changes to prior authorization, the members of the WVAHP (Aetna Better Health of WV, The Health Plan, and UniCare Health Plan of WV) hosted a webinar for the provider community. The training session focused on two areas: 1) prior authorization submissions through insurer's online portal, and 2) provider gold carding. Gold carding allows providers to be exempt from submitting prior authorizations if certain standards are met. The webinar was well received with over 200 healthcare professionals in attendance.

The webinar, presentation and Q&A document are now available on the WVAHP website and can be viewed by visiting [ahpwv.com](http://ahpwv.com).

## WV Medicaid Highlights\*

Total enrollment in WV Medicaid:  
549,077 members  
MCO Total Enrollment:  
401,007 members  
SSI Enrollment:  
35,832 (9%)  
Expansion Enrollment:  
157,119 (39%)  
TANF Enrollment:  
185,010 (46%)  
CHIP Enrollment:  
23,046 (6%)

\* Data Source: DHHR report 6-1-24

## Good News Stories

Camp Kno Koma is a week-long summer camp for children living with diabetes, and something The Health Plan is proud to support. Camp dates are July 7-13. To register and learn more about this event, click [here](#).



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