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WVCHIP Benefit Transition Update

As part of the ongoing transition of the West Virginia Children's Health Insurance Program (WVCHIP) to the West Virginia Department of Human Services' Bureau for Medical Services (BMS) prompted by House Bill 4649, BMS is further aligning Medicaid and WVCHIP operations and benefits for children and pregnant women. On July 1, 2023, WVCHIP medical, dental, and behavioral health benefits were updated to align with Medicaid benefits as outlined in the BMS policy manuals, as applicable. This change helps to close gaps in care for members and families who frequently move between the two programs, as well as lessen administrative burden for providers by aligning coverage limits and prior authorization rules. WVCHIP members continue to be enrolled in the Mountain Health Trust managed care plan, and cost sharing remains the same.

Transition activities planned to take place in 2024 include the following:

- 1) Alignment to Medicaid Resource Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) and Anesthesia services fee schedules effective July 1, 2024.
- 2) Pharmacy benefits will transition on July 1, 2024. WVCHIP members will utilize the Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL) and limits as outlined in the BMS Pharmacy policy manual. WVCHIP prescription drug claims will be processed by the Medicaid Pharmacy claims vendor.
- 3) Alignment to Medicaid Inpatient Prospective Payment System/Diagnosis Related Groups (IPPS/DRG) fee schedules effective October 1, 2024.
- 4) WVCHIP Outpatient Prospective Payment System/Ambulatory Payment Classification (OPPS/APC) and Federally Qualified Health Centers/Rural Health Centers (FQHC/RHC) will continue specific to WVCHIP.

Questions or requests for additional information concerning this notice may be directed to WVCHIP at wvchip@wv.gov or 1-877-982-2447.

