

**CARBON-MONROE-PIKE MH/DS PROGRAM
HEALTHCHOICES DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT**

August 2020

I. HealthChoices Department

The HealthChoices Program continues to work closely with Community Care on a special Performance Improvement Project (PIP) with the Department of Human Services (DHS). The Successful Prevention, Early Detection, Treatment and Recovery (SPEDTAR) for Substance Use Disorders is the focus of this special project. Required by the Feds, this new project will run from 2021 through 2023, with an evaluation completed by 2024. We are working with Community Care on a "cascade of care model" to align with the DHS aim. This approach was first developed to address the AIDS crisis in the 1980s and focuses on: 1) a fast intercept in crisis; 2) stabilization; 3) retention in treatment/support services; and 4) transitioning to recovery/monitoring for sustained recovery. We are still working with Community Care as the model is developed and readied for 2021 implementation.

II. Community Care

CMP HC and Community Care continue to hold regular meetings with Community Care to review the program operations. Monthly network status meetings are proceeding smoothly and we continue to add providers to the CMP network. Monthly administrative meetings are held to review any operational issues and review the program's operations. Monthly claims and finance meetings are also held to monitor the fiscal side of the program.

Community Care is working to prepare data for all county partners to determine the need and process for a continuation of the Alternative Payment Arrangements (APAs) with our provider network. The current APA will expire on September 30th and we anticipate a decision no later than August 30th.

III. Operations Update

Ongoing operations of the HealthChoices program in CMP continue to proceed smoothly. All advisory committee meetings are continuing to proceed on their regular, quarterly schedule. Quality and Care Management Committee meetings continue to be held on schedule.

The CMP Joinder Board accepted the Commonwealth's offer to continue to operate the HealthChoices Program for another five-year contract period (with an additional three-year option) beginning January 1, 2021. The Joinder Board also agreed to extend our contract with Community Care to match the state contract. Contracting is already moving swiftly and we anticipate no interruptions in services for members as we move into this new contracting period.

Respectfully submitted,

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