

**CARBON-MONROE-PIKE MHDS PROGRAM  
HEALTHCHOICES DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT**

February 2021

I. HealthChoices Department

The HealthChoices Department and Community Care Quality Improvement staff have recently completed the development and review of the Annual Quality Work Plan. The document is developed each year to address specific requirements of the HealthChoices Program outlined in the Program Standards and Requirements (PSR) that are designed to maintain the quality of services in our Joinder. The plan covers issues that are more global across Pennsylvania as well as specific items to CMP.

II. Community Care

CMP HC and Community Care continue to hold regular meetings to review program operations, fiscal monitoring, network development, quality and clinical issues. These meetings occur at varying intervals and on an ad hoc basis to insure the HealthChoices program continues to operate successfully in CMP.

A desk audit of the Program Evaluation Process (PEPs) for CMP is occurring this year. This year the vast majority of the PEPs will focus on requirements which we contract with Community Care to provide. The Annual Quality Work Plan plays a large role in the review this year and Community Care is working closely with our Quality Improvement staff to insure that all data submissions are satisfactory and are provided in a timely manner.

III. Operations Update

In response to the ongoing disaster declaration, CMP HC and Community Care have offered to extend the Alternative Payment Arrangements (APAs) to our providers for an additional three months, ending June 30, 2021. We believe that general instability in regular billing puts our network at risk and want to insure that our providers remain solvent through and after the end of the disaster declaration. We will, obviously, be reviewing another extension based upon advice from the Department of Human Services (DHS).

Respectfully submitted,

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