

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

June 2021

I. HealthChoices Department

The HealthChoices Department is preparing to work with our two Assertive Community Team (ACT) providers to review their programs. ACT is an evidence-based model and requires an annual survey to insure fidelity. Toward that end, our team is trained to conduct the review in concert with Community Care Quality staff. The reviews will take place August and September.

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.

Community Care is currently working with all primary contractors (including CMP HC) to identify additional costs for our Substance Use Disorder (SUD) providers. The state is transition to the standards of care promulgated by the American Society for Addiction Medicine (ASAM). All providers will incur some additional costs associated with these standards and all our residential/inpatient SUD programs are already receiving compensation in their rates. However, the ambulatory providers will have their own unique costs. We have received some limited dollars in our capitation to address this, and as such are working to see what we can do with the rate structure.

III. Operations Update

We have recently enacted a much-needed rate increase for our providers in the ambulatory network. Most providers (MH and SUD) have been provided a 12% increase in rates. It is part of our efforts to address cost of living increases for these levels of care and to help with recruitment/retention issues that they are currently facing. We are hopeful that future rates will support more ongoing adjustments and that we will not have to paly

Respectfully submitted,



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