

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

July 2021

I. HealthChoices Department

The HealthChoices Department has completed the three-month period where our capitation payments were delayed. We were able to make use of multiple financial tools to keep payments flowing to providers during this time. We have already begun to receive our “catch-up” payments from the Department of Human Services (DHS). We have also made arrangements for next year’s delay, as this is now a regular part of our payment arrangements with DHS.

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 and CMP HealthChoices are continuing to monitor our provider network for the need for any extension of the Alternative Payment Arrangements (APAs) beyond September 2021. We are seeing many levels of care back at their pre-pandemic levels, but some are still lagging behind. We are hopeful that as providers return to typical, face-to-face services over the next two months that we will be able to discontinue the APAs. A final decision about the continuation will come by early to mid-September.

III. Operations Update

We have received some limited dollars in our capitation to assist our ambulatory Substance Use Disorder (SUD) providers meet the new American Society for Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria. Based upon the dollars received, we are in the process of increasing our ambulatory SUD rates starting in September 2021 by an additional 10%. While a potential delay in the state’s required adherence to these standards is still a possibility, we realized that many of our providers have already taken steps and are meeting ASAM criteria and wanted to proceed with the increase now.

Respectfully submitted,

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