

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

October 2021

I. HealthChoices Department

The HealthChoices Department is in the middle of the annual review of the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) teams in conjunction with Community Care. We have two providers who deliver this service to our Members. A fidelity tool is used to measure fidelity to the ACT model, which originated at the University of Wisconsin. The second provider is set to be monitored in November. Results are shared with the providers in an effort to maintain the quality of the service.

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 continues to provide guidance to the provider network with regard to the new Telehealth Bulletin released by the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (OMHSAS). The guidance is now impacted by recent legislation in Harrisburg that extended all previous waivers that were in place during the bulk of the pandemic. In the interim, only a handful of requests were made to OMHSAS for regulatory relief and no requests came through our office for waiver of the distance requirements for telehealth.

III. Operations Update

CMP HealthChoices and CCBH recently submitted our Year Five Value Based Purchasing (VBP) plan for 2022. The requirements each year increase with regard to models with increased financial risk and with a greater percentage of our medical spend directed in these efforts each year. We continue to refine our Inpatient VBP arrangement through the inclusion of certain ambulatory levels of care and our new Community Business Organization (CBO) partner. We are confident that the plan will be ultimately be approved, but do expect some feedback from OMHSAS prior to approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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