

Medicaid Director's Office Updates

MCAC Meeting

October 19, 2023

Policy Updates

- **Genetic Testing**-Providers have requested coverage of rapid whole genome sequencing (rWGS) genetic testing for critically ill infants and children with an unknown diagnosis. WGS is currently a non-covered service with Medicaid.
 - We will be opening the following codes on November 1, 2023:
 - 81425 - *Genome (eg, unexplained constitutional or heritable disorder or syndrome); sequence analysis*
 - 81426 - *Genome (eg, unexplained constitutional or heritable disorder or syndrome); sequence analysis, each comparator genome (eg, parents, siblings)*
- **January 1, 2024 updates**
 - 12 months continuous coverage for children
 - Non-trad to traditional benefit change
 - State Chip program launches
 - Press Conference was held on October 4th
 - State Chip information on [CHIP website](#)
 - [FAQ](#) linked to the site
 - 12 months postpartum coverage

Waiver Updates

- SB133- 12 months postpartum
 - CMS declined 1115 waiver request
 - Utah will pursue a full state plan benefit effective January 1, 2024

- Justice involved waiver - preparatory work
- In final discussions with CMS on
 - In vitro fertilization
 - Oncofertility - fertility preservation for individuals going through chemotherapy treatment
 - UPP increase - increase reimbursement for children on UPP from \$120 to \$180 and will continue to have an additional \$20 if their insurance offers dental and if it doesn't, we cover dental through CHIP
 - Medical respite care - provides up to 40 days per rolling calendar year of medical respite services to TAM eligible individuals who qualify for home health level of care and criteria for homelessness/at risk of homelessness

Unwinding Updates - Steps to address procedural terminations

- Take a LOOK! Medicaid Unwinding Webpage REFRESH!
<https://medicaid.utah.gov/unwinding/>
- Communication and media campaign
 - Using Children's coverage outreach funding, we are targeting families who need to complete a review to keep their coverage
 - Upcoming campaign tactics include:
 - Billboards
 - Social media posts/ads
 - Material distribution to community partners, including:
Rec centers, WIC, Food Banks, YMCA, Boys & Girls Clubs, Youth Sports Associations, Churches, Utah Chamber contacts, School Districts, Charter Schools**ANY community partner can request materials and we will print them and mail them to you!**
Please email: medicaidoutreach@utah.gov
 - Radio ads
 - Direct mail
 - Community events
 - Created a toolkit of flyers in the following languages: Tongan, Samoan, Marshallese, Ukrainian, Dari, Pashto, Arabic, Somali, Swahili, Kinyarwanda, Spanish, English

- These will be posted on the Unwinding webpage in the next week
- Contracting with UHPP/Take Care Utah
 - Education of front line staff
 - At medical offices and hospitals - ongoing
 - Pharmacists and pharmacy personnel - live continuing education in October
 - Community Health Worker training - training mid-October
- Schools - parent teacher conference nights and family events
- DWS systems
 - Ex parte automation went live September 22, 2023
 - 13% of cases for October are reviewed through automated process
- DWS member resources to help assist with application renewal
 - Current webpage on [Post-Pandemic Medicaid Review](#) steps
 - Quick customer self help video helps have been developed to better support individuals in the self-service environment.
 - **DIY - Completing Reviews - Paper Reviews**
https://youtu.be/Zpq_XRuLUYs
 - **DIY - Completing Reviews - MyCase Reviews**
https://youtu.be/xZY_M2ei6s0