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Changes Under the ACA – Some Families Are Switching to Medicaid

Dear WVCHIP Family:

The new Affordable Care Act (ACA) law says some children in WVCHIP will be in Medicaid starting January 1, 2014.

What does this mean to me?

This letter is for all WVCHIP members ages six (6) through eighteen (18) in families of income less than 133% of the Federal Poverty Level or FPL (\$21,404 a year for a family of 2; \$26,951 a year for a family of 3; \$32,499 a year for a family of 4). These members will be moved to Medicaid at their next renewal date in 2014, or may move earlier if your family chooses. We want to remind you that for now renewals will be 6 months later. This means if you were ready for renewal next month in December, your renewal date is now June 2014, or if you were going to be renewed in March, it would be in September 2014.

How do I know if I will switch?

You got this letter because our information shows that your child will be eligible for Medicaid on January 1, 2014, because of your family's income. If you have had a change in your income or family which you think means you should not switch, please tell your local DHHR office, or the Customer Service Reporting Center at 1-877-716-1212.

How will this change affect me?

Medicaid has some added benefits and does not have monthly premiums or co-pays which will mean lower costs. The chart with this letter shows the services you can get under WVCHIP and Medicaid. Your child will be in a Medicaid managed care plan that you choose. Medicaid will send you information to help you choose. You will want to talk about this change with your regular doctor or other healthcare provider. Your provider may want to talk to Medicaid about services your child should continue.

Will I still be able to see the same providers?

Most doctors and other providers take both Medicaid and WVCHIP members. Health providers choose what insurance they take. You will need to ask your provider(s) if they will still see your children after they change to Medicaid. If your provider does not take Medicaid now, but will

still see your child, the provider will need to enroll in Medicaid. If your provider does not take Medicaid and does not want to, you will have to choose another provider that does take Medicaid.

Will I have a choice to stay with WVCHIP?

You may choose to stay on WVCHIP only until your next renewal date in 2014 or December 2014 if your next renewal date is in 2015. At your renewal time (or December 2014, if your next renewal is in 2015), if your household income is under 133% FPL your child will move to Medicaid. You can also choose to move to Medicaid earlier by calling your local DHHR office. You will also get a letter in a few weeks with more information. By December 2014, your child will move to Medicaid if eligible for Medicaid. You may find some helpful new services such as transportation to medical services and lower costs.

So What Do I Do Now?

You do not need to do anything now. This letter just lets you know about the change. You will get another letter soon with more information. This will give you time to let us know if you have had any changes in your income or family size that might change your eligibility. More information about this change is at the WVCHIP website at www.chip.wv.gov. Click on [chip2medicaidchange](#).

Call the DHHR Customer Service Center at 1-877-716-1212, or your local office for questions regarding Medicaid/CHIP eligibility. Visit www.dhhr.wv.gov/bms and click on “Locate a County Office” to find your local county office.

Call 1-800-449-8466 (Automated Health Systems) for questions about managed care plans.

Call 1-888-483-0797 (Molina) for questions about Medicaid Services.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: CHIP/Medicaid Benefit Comparison