

Step 2 Update

New Groups Required to Join a Medicaid Care Management Health Plan

This coming summer most Medicaid recipients who were able to opt out of Medicaid Care Management will be required to pick a health plan, for coverage to begin in the Fall, 2015. This group, called the Voluntary population, includes children under age 19 with special health care needs and/or receiving SSI benefits, children under age 19 receiving foster care, and all who have Medicare and Medicaid, known as duals. Over half of this Voluntary group have already joined and stayed in one of the two Care Management health plans: New Hampshire Healthy Families or Well Sense Health Plan.

At the end of May, voluntary individuals received a *Heads Up* letter from the NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) announcing this upcoming change. A copy of this letter is posted on the DHHS-MCM webpage, under **What's New**. The letter explained that those in the Voluntary group who are already in a health plan do not have to do anything. The voluntary members not enrolled in a health plan will receive an enrollment packet with instructions on who has to enroll in their household and how to enroll in a health plan.

Some Medicaid recipients will continue to be exempt from Care Management and will remain in the State's fee-for-service program. Groups exempt from Care Management include:

- Medicaid recipients on In and Out Medical Assistance (Spendedown)
- Medicaid recipients who receive benefits from the US Dept. of Veteran's Affairs
- Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB) or Specified Low-income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB 135) with no Medicaid coverage.
- Recipients in the Qualified Disabled Working Individual eligibility category (QDWI) with no Medicaid coverage
- Medicaid recipients in the Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program

Staff from DHHS, New Hampshire Healthy Families, and the Well Sense Health Plan will hold informational sessions about this upcoming change for both recipients and providers. The sessions will be announced through MMIS email blasts and on the DHHS-Medicaid Care Management's Provider and Client Webpages. The first informational session will be held June 24, 2015, from 5:30-7:30 pm in the Brown Building Auditorium, 129 Pleasant Street, Concord, New Hampshire.