



Iowa Medicaid

Iowa HHS

Iowa Medicaid Newsletter - December 2024

Medicaid e-News

Iowa Medicaid is proud to provide health coverage to more than **700,000** Iowans annually including low-income adults, children, pregnant women, seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Our specialized units work together, each bringing their expertise to fulfill the program's mission of providing comprehensive care and support to those in need.

Iowa Medicaid is constantly looking for ways to improve, one of which being increased communication. To support this effort, we are regularly sending out newsletters to communicate important information.

Future newsletters will go out in March, June, September and December.



Town Hall Meetings Feedback Survey

We are looking for new ideas for our Member/Provider town halls!

If you have any ideas on what topics should be included for our 2025 meetings, [please fill out this form](#). We want to hear your thoughts on how we can address the issues that matter most to you.

Eligibility Team Updates

Our team is currently working with CMS to finalize changes that extend postpartum coverage and adjust income limits for pregnant women and infants. We are also creating training materials to help staff understand a new process for determining asset eligibility. More to come soon!

LTSS Updates

The LTSS team is excited about the release of HCBS ARPA funds to eligible providers. These funds will play a critical role in strengthening services and improving outcomes for individuals receiving care.

Iowa REACH Committee

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is announcing the formation of the Iowa REACH Initiative Implementation Team. This collaborative governance structure will oversee and coordinate the implementation of commitments outlined in the court-approved agreement for *C.A. v. Garcia* (case number 4:23-cv-00009-SHL-HCA).



The Implementation Team and its subcommittees will follow the core values of the Interim Settlement Agreement, emphasizing child-focused, family-driven care. Their work will prioritize collaboration across agencies, strengthen community-based supports, and ensure services are inclusive, culturally relevant, and tailored to each family's strengths.

Through these efforts, Iowa HHS aims to create a more responsive and supportive system for Iowa's youth and families.

Managed Care Plan (MCP) Updates

Delta Dental

Dental Connections

Floss

Cutting Celebrated

The Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation recently provided \$450,000 to support

Dental Connections and their Smile Squad mobile dental clinic program to replace their aging mobile clinic.



A “Floss-Cutting” was held in early October to celebrate the new mobile along with Des Moines Public Schools. As a community-based dentistry program, the Dental Connections Smile Squad eliminates transportation barriers by delivering dental care directly to those in need. While the priority will continue to be serving children and adults in the Des Moines metro, this new state-of-the-art mobile unit will allow the program to expand services with new partners to reach more individuals both locally and in rural areas across the state.

[Learn more](#)

Molina

[The MolinaCares Accord](#), in conjunction with [Molina Healthcare of Iowa](#), recently presented the [Iowa Primary Care Association](#) and their member community health centers with a \$200,000 grant for resources to support the next phase in their innovative program to address health disparities and inequities in rural and under-resourced areas throughout Iowa.

Molina Healthcare of Iowa is now offering free YMCA memberships to eligible members who have completed an annual physical or well-child visit in the previous 12 months.

The University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) is now in Molina Healthcare of Iowa's network. We are proud to welcome UNMC to help us offer quality care to our members.



Stay in Touch!

Molina Healthcare of Iowa appreciates your partnership! To join our network, please click [here](#). Stay in touch with all provider communications by signing up [here](#).

Wellpoint

The Wellpoint CHAMP Housing Stability Initiative has reached a significant milestone, successfully assisting over **1,100 Wellpoint members** in securing stable and affordable housing.

Since launching in 2020, we have partnered with Wellpoint Behavioral Health, Physical Health, and Long-Term Services and Supports case management programs across **23 counties**. The CHAMP Housing Initiative utilizes flexible funding to bridge the gaps left by federal, state, or county housing programs. The innovative approach has provided temporary housing, housing transition support, and specialized assistance to vulnerable groups, including adults moving to waiver homes, youth transitioning from foster care, and individuals recovering from hospital stays.

Through collaboration with community partners such as the Iowa Community Action Association, YWCA of Clinton, and Open Door Housing Services, Wellpoint CHAMP has made a profound impact. This milestone reflects the initiative's commitment to creating lasting change and ensuring that no one in the community is left without a place to call home.

Creating holiday joy throughout the Council Bluffs community

On Dec. 14, hundreds of Iowa families in the Council Bluffs area attended New Visions Homeless Services' annual holiday giveaway event. Many of these families have social or economic barriers that have a ripple effect on the holiday season, and New Visions tries its best to create a fun, dignified experience at this event for all its families.

As the premier sponsor of this year's event, Wellpoint Iowa engaged with families and handed out bags to help them carry everything they would collect. Throughout the event, families picked up pre-requested gifts, toys and games, books, gift wrap, meal supplies, and more.



Iowa Total Care

Our rewards program has expanded! Iowa Total Care's My Health Pays Rewards Program now offers the option for members to use their rewards for gas!

Our [My Health Pays Rewards](#) program offers a rewards card to members to use for various essentials such as phone bills, groceries, utilities, and more.

Now, members can stop by their local Hy-Vee Fast and Fresh and use their My Health Pays Rewards card to get gas, too. This initiative provides our members better access to go to where they need to be, when they need it.

Interested in learning more about the benefits and services that we offer to our members? We distribute several different newsletters to our communities, such as our:

- [Community Outreach Newsletter](#)
- [Member Newsletter](#)
- [Provider Newsletter](#)
- [Doc's Kids Club Newsletter](#)



Visit IowaTotalCare.com to learn more!

MCNA

MCNA has worked with IME to build an innovative Provider Value-Based Provider (VBP) Incentive Program that furthers the goals and objectives of Iowa's Quality Strategy. Our program focuses incentives on timely recall visits and the establishment of a dental home to reward our participating providers and enhance access to care for our members.

Notable Headlines

[US Department of Labor announces selection of 13 states, District of Columbia to join initiative expanding opportunities for people with disabilities](#)

[HealthCare.gov Breaks New Record with 16.6 Million Consumers Signing Up for Coverage—the Highest Ever for January 1 Coverage](#)

[HHS Announces Cost Savings for 64 Prescription Drugs Thanks to the Medicare Prescription Drug Inflation Rebate Program Established by the Biden-Harris Administration’s Lower Cost Prescription Drug Law](#)

[How States and Tribes Can Leverage Medicaid to Improve the Health Care Delivered to American Indians and Alaskan Natives](#)

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