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and Health Promotion

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Dear Valued Health Care Provider:

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' (DHHR) Bureau for Public Health, Division of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease, in partnership with DHHR's Bureau for Medical Services and the West Virginia Academy of Family Physicians, invites you to learn about the West Virginia Medicaid Health Homes program. The Health Homes Program is designed to coordinate care for Medicaid members with various chronic conditions and risk factors with the goal of improving overall patient health. This program creates an opportunity for medical providers to work collaboratively with Medicaid members and their other service providers while receiving reimbursement for their activities.

To increase awareness of the program, the West Virginia Academy of Family Physicians is hosting a dinner and information session on the following dates. Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits will be provided to eligible attendees. Please plan to bring your office manager and learn more about West Virginia's Health Homes.

- ❖ Tuesday, August 28, 2018 | Tamarack, Beckley, WV | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ Thursday, August 30, 2018 | Chief Logan State Park, Logan, WV | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ Tuesday, September 11, 2018 | Maylon House, Milton, WV | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

West Virginia currently has two Health Homes. The first Health Home was started in July 2014 for eligible Medicaid members with bipolar disease who have or are at risk of having Hepatitis B or C. In April 2017, this Health Home expanded statewide. The second Health Home started in April 2017 as a pilot program designed for eligible Medicaid members with pre-diabetes, diabetes or obesity and at risk of having anxiety or depression. This pilot program is available in a 14-county region encompassing Boone, Cabell, Fayette, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Putnam, Raleigh, Wayne and Wyoming counties.

Join us to hear from practices that have successfully implemented the Health Homes program. Health Homes have been shown to increase Medicaid members' health and reduce medical costs.

Please call Barb Warwick at 304-356-4193 to RSVP before August 22, 2018. Each dinner and information session has limited seating. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Sincerely,

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