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Medicaid and Military Families An Introduction

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WVU Military Study & Medicaid

- WVU Military Families and Medicaid Project (NIFA Award #2010-39561-21778)
- Project Purpose: To explore issues relating to active duty military family access to Medicaid
- Project partners:
 - Office of Community Support for Military Families with Special Needs
 - Department of Defense, Military Community and Family Policy
 - United States Department of Agriculture, National Institute for Food and Agriculture
 - West Virginia University Extension Service

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Training Overview

- What is Medicaid?
- Medicaid Eligibility
- Medicaid Essentials
- What to do?
- The Future of Medicaid

What is Medicaid

- An insurance program that provides health coverage for many who are low income and/or disabled.
- It is operated at the state level with federal and state funding.

What is Medicaid?

- State programs provide basic services mandated by the federal government.
- States may offer additional optional services.
- Medicaid programs vary substantially from state to state.

Medicaid Eligibility

- Eligibility and enrollment occurs at the state level - and is not transferable across state lines.
- In most circumstances eligibility is based on income.
- It may also be based on health or medical need.

Medicaid Eligibility

- Serves individuals across all age groups, but eligibility standards differ.
- Most accessible for children, especially younger children.
- An essential component for elderly care, particularly in long-term care settings.

Medicaid Eligibility

- When there is a health or disability need, eligibility is often determined by the severity and complexity of conditions.
- States establish their own procedures for determining eligibility based on disability.

Supplemental Security Income

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI), provides a pathway to care under Medicaid.
- It is a benefit for those who are determined to be "disabled."
- SSI beneficiary status eases entry into the Medicaid system in many states.

Supplemental Security Income

- SSI eligibility review, determination, and renewal is very complex.
- SSI is available for both children and adults.

Medicaid Essentials

- Income eligibility standards vary across the states, for certain low-income groups.
- Income eligibility standards may also vary within a state due to the age of dependent children.

Medicaid Essentials

- It pays for services rather than providing them directly.
- Primary and acute care services tend to be readily available, because there are many willing or mandated providers (like hospitals and clinics).
- Specialty care may be difficult to access due to a lack of available or willing providers.

Medicaid Essentials

- Medicaid services for those with special needs vary across the states in terms of:
 - Types of disabilities
 - Service delivery approaches
 - Availability of services

What to Do

- Make sure all military health benefits are being received before turning to Medicaid.
- Be aware of options provided by TRICARE, including the Extended Care Health Option (ECHO).

What to Do

- Recognize that families may be “dually-eligible” for TRICARE and Medicaid.
- Identify resources that provide assistance to families seeking to navigate Medicaid.

What to Do

There are various “intermediaries” beyond the installation who can help:

- State and local social service agency case workers.
- Hospital-based social workers and enrollment agents.
- Local disability councils and other community organizations.

The Future of Medicaid

Medicaid has helped to foster new health care delivery approaches, for example, with:

- Managed care and medical homes
- Child and Maternal Health
- Home and Community Based Services

The Future of Medicaid

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) creates some new changes.

- Some states are expanding eligibility to new income groups while others are not.
- There are incentives for states to provide Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) for the aged and disabled.

The Future of Medicaid

- The Medicaid program costs more than most states feel they can afford, so services and access may be limited.

Some Key “Take Aways”

Medicaid is:

- A resource for military families, especially with those with family members with special needs.
- A publicly-funded insurance program for low-income and special needs populations.
- Administered at the state level with a combination of state and federal funds.

Some Key “Take Aways”

Medicaid is:

- A program with eligibility procedures, coverage options, and service models that vary across the states.
- A dynamic program, subject to change due to political, legal, economic, social, and practical factors.

Next Steps

- Module Two: Medicaid options for families with children with special needs.
- Module Three: Medicaid options for older family members with special needs, such as adult children, spouses, and the elderly.

For Current Information

- Military OneSource. EFMP/Special Needs. Includes links to and information on public programs, resources, and more.

<http://www.militaryonesource.mil/efmp>

For Background Information

Summary of the West Virginia University Project Team's Reports on Medicaid and Military Families with Children with Special Health Care Needs: Accessing Medicaid and Waivered Services (2013)

<http://www.militaryonesource.mil/12038/MOS/EFMP/EFMP-MedicaidReport.pdf>

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Part 2 Medicaid & Military Families: Children w/ Special Needs

Date: January 14, 2014

Time: 11:00 a.m. Eastern

Location: <https://learn.extension.org/events/1699>

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