

THE HDC BOOSTER

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Handicapped Development Center

MANAGED CARE UPDATE

WHAT'S THE LATEST?

Keeping up on the ever-changing situation of Iowa's Medicaid Managed Care is challenging. A major change came at the end of November when one of the three Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) decided to end their contract with the state. That departure left just two MCOs—Amerigroup and United Healthcare.

To further complicate things, Amerigroup notified the state that they were not able to accept any more enrollees. As a result, the people who were previously with Amerihealth Caritas, the MCO who exited the system, were assigned to United Healthcare (UHC).

HDC'S CONTRACTS

When the Medicaid transition took place in 2016, HDC contracted with Amerigroup and Amerihealth Caritas. We negotiated with United Healthcare but were unable to come to an agreement at that time, so a contract was not signed with UHC.

With the departure of Amerihealth Caritas, HDC again began talks with United Healthcare and has subsequently signed a contract with them. This agreement will help HDC participants, so they will have more than one MCO from which to choose.

When notifications were distributed that Amerihealth Caritas was leaving, many HDC participants moved

to Amerigroup prior to Amerigroup's announcement that they were not taking any more enrollees. At this point, there is no clear information from the state or the MCOs who is paying for those participants.

For some people, the state has also reinstated the system that was used prior to the advent of the MCOs. The fee-for-service model, which was dismantled for the MCO system, has been reinstated.

HOW IS HDC FARING?

The effect of all this is a lack of information and a lot of confusion. However, the good news is that HDC is getting paid for services and is successfully navigating the rather choppy waters, thanks to diligence on the part of employees and families.

As information becomes available, we will continue to share it. With the state legislature convening soon, there will undoubtedly be more discussion about this situation. Stay tuned!

Voice your opinions, ask questions or just keep yourself informed. State legislators from this area are scheduled to attend this forum:

Scott County Legislative Forum

Date: Saturday, January 20, 2018

Place: Rogalski Center at St. Ambrose University

Time: Doors open at 10 a.m. for informal conversation

Forum runs from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION BEGINS

January 8th marks the first day of the 2018 Iowa legislative session. Legislators from both parties are expecting to face another year of tough decisions.

Iowa's Budget Trouble

Iowa's economy is growing but not at a rate to keep up with the growth in state spending. New revenue estimates released in mid-December show Iowa's budget deficit for the current fiscal year is as much as \$90 million. That means legislators may have to find another \$90 million in cuts from this fiscal year's budget, with only six months left in the fiscal year. Nearly \$200 million in cuts have already been made and \$131 million has been transferred from the state's rainy day fund.

Priorities

Tax reform has been discussed as a top priority of the 2018 session. Republicans said they were planning to revamp Iowa's corporate and individual income tax system; however, they were also waiting to see what happened on the federal level. It is unclear how the passage of the new tax bill will influence things.

The Medicaid situation will surely be on the minds of many constituents and legislators. Some legislative committees have been meeting, gathering information, and asking a lot of questions. Much has transpired since the 2017 session adjourned.

The water quality issue was not resolved last year because of two competing bills; however, there seems to be interest from both parties to pass a law this year. Legislators ran out of time to hammer out the differences between the two bills, but they are pledging to start talking early in the this session.

Stay Up to Date

The HDC website has some helpful links to monitor the latest from Des Moines. Visit www.handicappeddevelopment.org and click on "Get Involved" and "Legislative Information".

There will be NO Booster meeting in January.



The next Booster meeting will be in conjunction with the Parent/Interested Persons on Thursday, February 22nd. Location and time to be announced soon.

Valentine's Day Dance

The Boosters Valentine's Day Dance is scheduled for Friday, February 9, 2018 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Hickory Grove Road.

If you would like to help, please be at the Center by 5 p.m. to set up, or come later to help clean up.

Donations are always appreciated for these events!



A limited amount
of Booster nuts
and candies will
be available for
purchase.

HELP OUT THE HANDS
7th Annual HANDS Auxiliary
"Beat the January Blues" Trivia Night



Friday, January 19, 2018

Northgate Place (next to the East Kimberly Rd. HyVee)

Doors open at 6 p.m. & Trivia starts at 7 p.m.

Fight the January, post-holiday blues with a night of fun, food, drink, and fascinating facts with your friends. Teams consist of 8 players.

Gather your friends and bring your favorite snacks, but **drinks must be purchased at Northgate Place.** Cost is \$10 per person. To make reservations, call the Center at 563-391-4834 or email Carol Foster at carolfoster@hdcmail.org.

THANK YOU!

We would like to extend our appreciation to the following outlets and volunteers who participated in the 24th Annual Booster Organization/Bob Ott Memorial Nut and Candy Sale.

Thank you for your support of the sale and of people with disabilities in this community.

Thank you for supporting this fundraising effort!

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