

## Heritage Health Adult

### Medicaid Expansion – Provider Update

You are a valued partner in Medicaid expansion, and we want to keep you updated on its progress. We will continue to provide you with regular updates. We will answer your questions and address any concerns. Please sign up to receive our updates at: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Expansion.aspx>. You may email us at: [DHHS.MedicaidExpansionQuestions@Nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.MedicaidExpansionQuestions@Nebraska.gov).

Medicaid expansion, known in Nebraska as Heritage Health Adult (HHA), began on October 1, 2020. Since then, over 15,000 Nebraskans have started receiving health care benefits.

On October 20, 2020, the federal government approved the second phase of HHA. This phase will begin on April 1, 2021. This innovative new program, known as the HHA demonstration waiver, allows beneficiaries to qualify for dental, vision, and over-the-counter medication benefits if they choose to engage in wellness and personal responsibility activities. Examples of such activities include evaluation by their health care provider at least once a year, keeping clinic appointments except for extenuating circumstances, and keeping any affordable workplace health insurance. Beneficiaries will not lose Medicaid eligibility under HHA if they choose not to engage in wellness and personal responsibility activities.

- An FAQ on the HHA demonstration waiver is available at: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Documents/HHA%201115%20Waiver%20FAQ.pdf>
- Additional details on the federal government's approval of the waiver is available at: <https://governor.nebraska.gov/press/gov-ricketts-announces-federal-approval-state%E2%80%99s-waiver-offer-enhanced-medicaid-benefits>