

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

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**Committee Substitute**

**for**

**House Bill 4393**

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1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §11-27-10a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,  
2 relating to a tax on managed care organizations.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 27. HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TAXES.**

**§11-27-10a. Imposition of tax on managed care organizations.**

1 (a) *Imposition of tax.* — For the privilege of holding a certificate of authority within this  
2 state to establish or operate a “health maintenance organization” pursuant to §33-25A-4 of this  
3 code (hereinafter “certified HMO”), there is hereby levied and shall be collected from every such  
4 certified HMO an annual broad-based health care-related tax.

5 (b) *Rate and measure of tax.* — (i) Prior to July 1, 2022, the tax imposed by this section  
6 shall be based on the following rates applied to each taxable health plan’s total Medicaid member  
7 months within tiers I, II, and III, and to non-Medicaid member months within tiers IV and V:

- 8 (1) Tier I — \$35 for each Medicaid member month under 250,000;
- 9 (2) Tier II — \$20 for each Medicaid member month between 250,000 and 500,000;
- 10 (3) Tier III — \$1 for each Medicaid member month greater than 500,000;
- 11 (4) Tier IV — 25 cents for each non-Medicaid member month under 150,000; and
- 12 (5) Tier V — 10 cents for each non-Medicaid member month of 150,000 or more.

13 (ii) On and after July 1, 2022, the tax imposed by this section shall be based on the  
14 following rates applied to each taxable health plan’s total Medicaid member months within tiers I,  
15 II, and III, and to non-Medicaid member months within tiers IV and V:

- 16 (1) Tier I — \$36.26 for each Medicaid member month under 250,000;
- 17 (2) Tier II — \$20.72 for each Medicaid member month between 250,000 and 500,000;
- 18 (3) Tier III — \$1.036 for each Medicaid member month greater than 500,000;
- 19 (4) Tier IV — 25.9 cents for each non-Medicaid member month under 150,000; and
- 20 (5) Tier V — 10.36 cents for each non-Medicaid member month of 150,000 or more.

21 (iii) On July 1, 2023, and every July 1 thereafter, the tax rates for each tier will be increased  
22 by the greater of either 0.0% or the average West Virginia Medicaid Managed Care capitation  
23 rate change from the two preceding fiscal years ending on June 30: *Provided*, That any increase  
24 shall meet the requirements in 42 C.F.R.§433.68.

25 (1) The average West Virginia Medicaid Managed Care capitation rate change will be  
26 calculated by the West Virginia Bureau for Medical Services from the initial SFY rate certifications  
27 as follows:

28 (A) The monthly membership weights by rate cell and month will be determined based on  
29 the projected member months by rate cell from the most recent initial SFY rate certification.

30 (B) For each of the two preceding fiscal years, to determine the total projected premium  
31 payments for each year, the West Virginia Bureau for Medical Services will multiply the initial SFY  
32 certified capitation rates net of directed payments by the monthly membership weights by rate cell  
33 and month as determined in §11-27-10a(b)(iii)(1)(A).

34 (C) For each of the two preceding fiscal years, the West Virginia Bureau for Medical  
35 Services will divide the total projected premium payments as determined in §11-27-  
36 10a(b)(iii)(1)(B) by the total enrollment to determine the average premium payment for each fiscal  
37 year.

38 (D) To determine the average West Virginia Medicaid Managed Care capitation rate  
39 change from the preceding two fiscal years, the West Virginia Bureau for Medical Services will  
40 divide the most recent fiscal year's average premium payment by the earlier fiscal year's average  
41 premium payment and subtract 1.

42 (2) Before July 1, 2023, and every July 1 thereafter, the West Virginia Bureau for Medical  
43 Services will certify to the Tax Commissioner the capitation rate change from the preceding two  
44 fiscal years, the calculation used in making that determination, and whether the increase meets  
45 the requirements of federal and state law for permissible health care-related taxes.

46           (3) Using the certified calculations from the West Virginia Bureau for Medical Services,  
47 the Tax Commissioner will publish, by Administrative Notice, before July 1 of each year the rates  
48 for the next tax year applicable to each taxable health plan's total Medicaid member months within  
49 tiers I, II, and III, and to non-Medicaid member months within tiers IV and V.

50           (c) *Definitions.* —

51           (1) "Managed care organization" or "MCO" means a certified HMO that provides health  
52 care services to Medicaid members pursuant to an agreement or contract with the department.

53           (2) "Managed care plan" means an agreement or contract between the secretary and an  
54 MCO under which the MCO agrees to provide health care services to Medicaid members.

55           (3) "Medicaid member" means an individual enrolled in a taxable health plan who is a  
56 Medicaid beneficiary on whose behalf the department directly pays the health plan a capitated  
57 payment.

58           (4) "Medicaid member months" means the number of Medicaid members in a taxable  
59 health plan in each month or part of a month over the course of the tax year.

60           (5) "Non-Medicaid enrollee" means an individual who is an "enrollee", "subscriber", or  
61 "member", as those terms are defined in §33-25A-2(8) of this code, in a taxable health plan who  
62 is not a Medicaid member: *Provided*, That this definition does not include Public Employees  
63 Retirement Agency members or Medicare Advantage members.

64           (6) "Non-Medicaid member months" means the number of non-Medicaid enrollees in a  
65 taxable health plan in each month or part of a month over the course of the tax year, but does not  
66 include persons enrolled in either a health plan issued by the West Virginia Public Employees  
67 Insurance Agency or a plan issued pursuant to the Federal Employees Health Benefits Act of  
68 1959 (Public Law 86-382) to the extent the imposition of the tax under this section is preempted  
69 pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §8909(f).

70 (7) "Taxable health plan" means: (i) An agreement or contract under which a certified HMO  
71 agrees to provide health care services to a non-Medicaid member in accordance with §33-25A-1  
72 *et seq.* of this code; and (ii) a managed care plan.

73 (8) "Tax year" means the fiscal year beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30.

74 (9) "Rate cell" means a set of mutually exclusive categories of enrollees that is defined by  
75 one or more characteristics for the purpose of determining the capitation rate and making  
76 a capitation payment; such characteristics may include age, gender, eligibility category, and  
77 region or geographic area.

78 (10) "Initial SFY rate certification" means the MHT and MHP actuarial certifications as  
79 submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services prior to the start of the state fiscal  
80 year and prior to any mid-year or other rate amendments.

81 (d) *Effective date.* —

82 (i) Subject to an earlier termination pursuant to the terms of subdivision (ii) of this  
83 subsection, the tax imposed by this section shall be effective for three years beginning on the first  
84 day of the state fiscal year following a 30-day period after the secretary has posted notice on the  
85 department Internet website that approval had been received from the federal Centers for  
86 Medicare and Medicaid Services that the tax imposed by this section is a permissible health care-  
87 related tax in accordance with 42 C.F.R. §433.68 and is therefore eligible for federal financial  
88 participation.

89 (ii) The tax imposed by this section shall be administered in accordance with the provisions  
90 of this article and the Tax Administration and Procedures act in §11-10-1 *et seq.* of this code:  
91 *Provided*, That the tax imposed by this section shall be automatically void if the Centers for  
92 Medicare and Medicaid Services determines that it is no longer a permissible health care-related  
93 tax that is eligible for federal financial participation.

94 (e) *Time for paying tax.* — Notwithstanding the provisions of §11-27-25 of this code, no  
95 taxes may be collected under this article until the department receives written notice that the

96 federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has approved proposed Medicaid rates as  
97 actuarially sound for the taxable year in which the tax will be imposed.



The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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