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**Section 1115 WASP Demonstration Waiver
Post Award Forum
May 7, 2026**

Waiver Summary:

The Waiver for Additional Services and Populations (WASP) is a Montana Medicaid Waiver Program administered by the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS). WASP provides supplementary Montana Medicaid services to two separate populations who would otherwise not qualify for the fuller level of service. The current waiver will be effective through December 31, 2027. A waiver renewal application will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) by the end of December 2026.

WASP Populations Covered:

1. Individuals aged 18 and older, with Severe Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI) who are otherwise ineligible for Medicaid benefits and either:
 - a. Have income 0-138% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and are eligible for or enrolled in Medicare; or
 - b. Have income 139-150% of the FPL regardless of Medicare status (they can be covered or not covered by Medicare and be eligible).
2. Individuals determined categorically eligible for Aged, Blind, or Disabled (ABD) for dental treatment services above the \$1,125 State Plan dental treatment cap.

WASP Covered Services:

- The SDMI Waiver population receives the Standard Medicaid benefits.
- The categorically eligible for Standard Medicaid ABD population have their dental treatment services above the \$1,125 State Plan dental treatment cap covered by the WASP.

Goal of the WASP:

The goal of the WASP Demonstration mirrors the state's Medicaid goal, that is to ensure medically necessary medical care is available to all eligible Montanans within available funding resources.

Participation Enrollment:

- WASP (SDMI) enrollment is at 577 members at the end of State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025. The WASP allows a maximum of 3,000 (SDMI) enrollees to be served per year.



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- The total number of members categorically eligible for Standard Medicaid ABD population at the end of State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025 is 22,878. The dental treatment cap of \$1,125 does not apply to these members.

WASP Updates:

- An amendment to WASP requesting the addition of fertility preservation services in accordance with Senate Bill 516 was sent to CMS. CMS is currently reviewing the amendment.
 - These fertility preservation services will be available to eligible individuals between the ages of 12 and 35 who have been diagnosed by a physician as having an active cancer diagnosis requiring treatment that may cause a substantial risk of sterility or iatrogenic infertility (infertility caused by cancer treatment).
- The WASP SDMI enrollment has decreased by 428 members from 2024 to 2025.
- The WASP ABD enrollment has decreased by 1,262 members from 2024 to 2025.

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WASP Webpage:

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/medicaid/Medicaid1115Waiver/index>

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<https://apply.mt.gov/>

DPHHS - Office of Public Assistance:

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/officeofpublicassistance>