

Montana Section 1115 Healing and Ending Addiction Through Recovery and Treatment (HEART) Demonstration Waiver  
Institutions for Mental Illness (IMD) Amendment  
July 2024 Amendment Submission

Effective Date: July 1, 2024  
PUBLIC NOTICE SCHEDULE

Public Comment Period:  
November 29, 2023 – January 28, 2023

All Public Notice and Tribal Consultation documents referred to below are posted on the webpage:  
<https://dphhs.mt.gov/heartwaiveramendment/>

Public Meeting

The public is invited to participate in-person or electronically via Zoom to a hybrid public meeting regarding the demonstration application.

The public meeting will be held Friday, December 15, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Mountain Time, at 111 North Sanders Street, Room 306, in Helena.

To attend via Zoom please [REGISTER](#).

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. If special accommodations are needed, contact Mary Eve Kulawik at (406) 444-2584 or [mkulawik@mt.gov](mailto:mkulawik@mt.gov).

Comments and questions may be submitted by the following methods:

- By US Mail:  
Medicaid HEART IMD Waiver Amendment  
Department of Public Health and Human Services, Director's Office 111 North Sanders Street  
PO Box 4210 Helena MT 59604 c/o Mary Eve Kulawik
- By telephone: (406) 444-2584
- By electronic mail: [dphhscomments@mt.gov](mailto:dphhscomments@mt.gov)

You will also have opportunity to officially comment during the federal public comment period after the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) finds the application and public notice requirements met.

## PUBLIC NOTICE SCHEDULE

Postings not listing a location to post, will post at  
<https://dphhs.mt.gov/heartwaiveramendment/>

DATE	NECESSARY ACTION
On or Before November 28, 2023	Post Public Notice Schedule.
On or Before November 28, 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Send Tribal Consultation letters to Tribes informing them of 60-day public comment period, inviting their input at the Montana Public Meeting held virtually on December 15, 2023, and informing them of where to find information online and the opportunity to submit comments.</li> <li>2. Post unsigned Tribal Consultation letter.</li> </ol>
On or Before November 28, 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Send Montana Health Coalition electronic memo informing them of 60-day public comment period, inviting their input at the hybrid Montana Public Meeting held on December 15, 2023, and informing them of where to find information online and the opportunity to submit comments;</li> <li>2. Post the Health Coalition memo to the <a href="#">Health Coalition</a> webpage, and</li> <li>3. Post unsigned Health Coalition memo on the HEART IMD amendment webpage.</li> </ol>
On or Before November 28, 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Email HEART Stakeholders electronic memo informing them of 60-day public comment period, inviting their input at the hybrid Montana Public Meeting held on December 15, 2023, and informing them of where to find information online and the opportunity to submit comments; and</li> <li>2. Post unsigned Stakeholders memo.</li> </ol>
On or Before November 28, 2023	Send Children, Families, Health and Human Services Interim Committee electronic memo informing them of 60-day public comment period, inviting their input at the amendment public meeting held on December 15, 2023, and informing them of where to find information online and the opportunity to submit comments.
November 15, 2023	Post notice of public meeting on the state's e-calendar.
On or Before November 28, 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Publish Newspaper Public Notice that is the Abbreviated Public Notice in 3 largest Montana newspapers: <i>Billings Gazette</i> (Billings, MT); <i>Bozeman Daily Chronicle</i> (Bozeman, MT); and the <i>Great Falls Tribune</i> (Great Falls, MT); and</li> <li>2. Post text of the Newspaper Public Notice online.</li> </ol>
On or Before November 28, 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Finalize draft Application.</li> <li>2. Post all remaining Public Notice Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preliminary Draft Application</li> <li>• Full Approved Public Notice</li> <li>• Abbreviated Public Notice</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
On or Before November 28, 2023	Post the link to the July 1, 2024 HEART IMD Amendment webpage on the following webpages: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">DPHHS Public Notices</a>;</li> <li>2. <a href="#">Medicaid State Plan and Waiver Amendment Public Notices</a>;</li> </ol>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. <a href="https://dphhs.mt.gov/HeartInitiative/index">HEART Waiver (mt.gov)</a>; and</li> <li>4. <a href="https://dphhs.mt.gov/HeartInitiative/index">Https://dphhs.mt.gov/HeartInitiative/index</a>.</li> </ol>
<b>November 29, 2023</b>	<b>Begin the state 60-day Public Comment Period and CMS-required 30-day State comment period. Begins on November 29, 2023, and ends on January 28, 2024.</b>
On or before December 14, 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Create HEART IMD amendment handout for the public meeting held on December 15, 2023.</li> <li>2. Create HEART IMD amendment agenda for the public meeting held on December 15, 2023.</li> <li>3. Post agenda and handout.</li> </ol>
December 15, 2023	Hold HEART IMD amendment public meeting with Zoom capabilities. To be held December 15, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
December 15, 2023	Post the number of attendees for the December 15, 2023 public meeting.
On or before January 15, 2024	Obtain State Medicaid Director's signature for cover letter for application submittal package.
On or before January 18, 2024	Post the link to the <u>Children, Families, Health and Human Services Interim Committee</u> January 18, 2024 Meeting webpage.
<b>January 28, 2024</b>	<b>End of 60-day Public Comment Period</b>
ASAP after Public Notice Period	Complete the: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Redline final Application showing changes made based on public comment, the redacted public comments themselves, public comment summaries, and public comment responses.</li> <li>2. Clean final Application.</li> </ol>
On or before February 15, 2024	Post: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Redline and clean final Application.</li> <li>2. CMS Website for Section 1115 Waivers and Public Notice.</li> </ol>
On or before February 15, 2024	Prepare both electronic and paper versions of Application Packet with cover letter.
<b>On February 15, 2024</b>	<b>Submit both electronic and paper version of Application Packet to CMS.</b>
Following CMS findings of a complete waiver application	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Post the CMS completeness letter for the July 1, 2024 HEART IMD Amendment application; and</li> <li>2. Observe the federal 30-day public comment period.</li> </ol>
<b>July 1, 2024</b>	<b>HEART IMD Amendment Effective Date</b>