



Steve Bullock, Governor

Sheila Hogan, Director

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Address

**RE: Plan First Section 1115 Medicaid Family Planning Waiver
Revised Renewal/Extension: Repeat of Public Notice Period**

Dear:

The following waiver renewal/extension does not affect Tribes, Urban Indian Health Centers or Indian Health Service directly; but under our agreement with Tribes and the federal government, we provide you notice of all Medicaid State Plan and waiver changes.

This letter is to inform you that on or before May 11, 2018, the Department of Public Health and Human Services will submit a revised Plan First Section 1115 Medicaid Family Planning Waiver Renewal/Extension for approval to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, with proposed effective date of June 1, 2018. This revised plan was previously submitted in late December of 2017, was withdrawn by the department, and is now subject to a new public comment period before resubmission. The Waiver is currently under temporary extension through May 31, 2018.

The waiver renewal/extension makes no substantial changes. The current waiver includes approximately 1,600 women, ages 19-44, able to become pregnant but not presently pregnant, who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid, and earning a household income up to 211% of the federal poverty level. The waiver goals are to decrease the number of births paid for by Medicaid, and improve health outcomes for members. Services are limited to waiver-covered family planning services and supplies. The estimated total annual fiscal impact is \$530,000.

The changes made by the renewal/extension application are as follows:

- 1) The requested length of the renewal/extension is now near five (5) years as opposed to the prior three (3) year request;
- 2) More detail has been added to the Interim Evaluation of the Impact of the Demonstration section; and
- 3) Change in format and budget trend rate in the Budget Neutrality Assessment and Projections section.

The proposed changes, waiver benefit description, eligibility and program description, waiver evaluation design with goals/objectives, healthcare delivery system, public meeting details, and

public notice/public input information are located on the Department website at <http://dphhs.mt.gov/planfirst>.

We invite your comments and questions on the Plan First Waiver renewal/extension postmarked by May 4, 2018. You may direct comments to Mary Eve Kulawik, Medicaid State Plan Amendment and Waiver Coordinator, at (406) 444-2584 or mkulawik@mt.gov; or Director's Office, PO Box 4210, Helena, MT 59604-4210.

You will also have opportunity to officially comment during the federal public comment period after the state submits the waiver renewal/extension.

Sincerely,

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State Medicaid Director

c: Jason Smith, Director, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs
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