

## **EXPLANATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE PROCESS AND PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

### **FOR THE MAY 2018 MEDICAID 1115 MONTANA PLAN FIRST FAMILY PLANNING WAIVER REVISED EXTENSION/RENEWAL SUBMISSION: REPEAT OF PUBLIC NOTICE PERIOD**

On April 2, 2018, Montana will publish, in the state's three largest newspapers, an announcement of the Montana Department of Public Health Human Services planned submission of a near 5-year Plan First Section 1115 Medicaid Family Planning Waiver Extension application. This announcement summarizes the current waiver and extends an invitation for the public to review pertinent information posted on the Department website. The announcement further invites public comment, between April 2, 2018 and May 4, 2018 via the contact information listed. Also on April 2, 2018, Montana will post, to the Montana Department of Health and Human Services main web page, [Montana DPHHS website](#). Public Notices section, an announcement of the May 2018 Medicaid 1115 Plan First Family Planning Waiver Extension Submission: Repeat of Public Notice Period Submission. This announcement will link directly to the specific Plan First web page, [May 2018 Submission](#), where copies of the below public notice documents will be available for review:

- A Public Notice / Public Input Schedule with Public Input accepted April 2, 2018 through May 4, 2018.
- A Brief Summary of the Demonstration
- This explanation of the **Public Notice Process and Public Input Process**:
  - The public has from April 2, 2018 through May 4, 2018 to examine and comment on Montana's planed Plan First Extension Application;
  - Informative documents are available for review on the [Plan First webpage](#);
  - Public input is invited, via a Newspaper Public Notice Announcement published in the state's three largest newspapers;
  - Tribes, the Montana Health Coalition and other interested parties are specifically invited to comment;
  - Comments and questions may be directed to the following:
    - By US Mail:  
Mary Eve Kulawik, Medicaid State Plan Amendment and Waiver Coordinator  
Director's Office  
PO Box 4210  
Helena, MT 59604-4210
    - By telephone:  
(406) 444-2584
    - By electronic mail:  
[mkulawik@mt.gov](mailto:mkulawik@mt.gov) ; and
  - You will also have opportunity to officially comment during the federal public comment period after CMS finds the application and public notice requirements met. The location to make these comments can be found on-line at [CMS Website](#).
- Text of the Newspaper Public Notice Announcements
- An Abbreviated Public Notice Document

- A Full Public Notice Document
- A Compiled Public Notice Documents Packet
- A Tribal Consultation / Indian health providers and Urban Indian Organization letter sent to Montana Tribes, Indian health providers and Urban Indian organizations soliciting comments on the demonstration extension application;
- A letter sent to the Montana Health Care Coalition soliciting comments on the demonstration extension application;
- An electronic letter sent to other interested parties soliciting comments on the demonstration extension application;

At the end of the Public Input Period, Montana will post a summary of comments received and actions taken because of those comments. If the comments received stimulate a change to the Extension Application, Montana will post the Preliminary Extension Application, including Budget Neutrality projections, with red-line changes, and then also post the finalized version of the Extension Application.