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On or before December 31, 2019, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services will submit the Inpatient Hospital Medicaid State Plan Amendment for approval to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Effective January 1, 2020, the distribution date of the supplemental Hospital Reimbursement Adjustor (HRA), Part 1 and Part 2, and Continuity of Care (COC) will be paid in lump-sum payments in the fourth quarter of the State's fiscal year and will be limited by the inpatient and psychiatric residential treatment facility upper payment level. In addition, in accordance with Montana House Bill 658, a hospital or facility operated by the state, a political subdivision of the state, the United States, or an Indian Tribe or any facility authorized under the Indian Health Care Improvement Act are not eligible for HRA.

This amendment is budget neutral.

We invite your comments and questions postmarked **through October 9, 2019**. 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.