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State Plan Amendments effective July 1, 2019

On or before 6/30/19, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services will submit the following Medicaid State Plan Amendments for approval to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Effective 7/1/19, the Community First Choice (CFC) and Personal Care Services (PCS) State Plans propose to implement the following changes:

- Funding for Health Care for Health Care Workers will be \$5,126,065 in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020 and SFY 2021 to provide CFC and PCS provider agencies the ability to purchase insurance for direct care workers;
- Funding for direct care worker wages will provide for wage or lump sum payments to workers who provide direct care services under the CFC and PCS State Plans. CFC and PCS state plan funding will be \$5,750,642, in SFY 2020 and \$5,728,651 in SFY 2021; and
- The CFC and PCS State Plans are being added to the reimbursement Introduction Page. This amendment is budget neutral.

Effective 7/1/19, the Autism Treatment State Plan Services rate and conversion factor will be increased to reflect the 2019 Montana Legislature's appropriation of a .91% increase. The total estimated annual fiscal impact is \$9,996.

We invite your comments and questions postmarked **through 6/15/19**. 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.