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Inpatient Hospital Graduate Medical Education Medicaid State Plan Amendment effective
August 1, 2020

On or before September 30, 2020, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services will submit the Inpatient Hospital Medicaid State Plan to revise the Graduate Medical Education (GME) supplemental payment allocation to eligible hospitals, for approval to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services effective August 1, 2020.

The current model for distributing Medicaid funding for Graduate Medical Education was initially developed when there was one program shared amongst two hospitals. Both hospitals had similar GME resident rotation counts, similar program costs, similar inpatient days and a similar Medicaid payer mix. The original method of distribution uses a blend of all these factors to arrive at the payment distribution.

Now, Montana has added three more participating hospitals. Because of the growth, there is new variability among the hospitals currently participating in the GME program. That variability has resulted in a large variation in the amount per resident that each hospital receives. To alleviate some of the variation, the department proposes to revise the distribution allocation of the GME supplemental payment. This will align the distribution of GME Medicaid funding to the cost(s) incurred and the number of residents trained at each eligible hospital.

This amendment is budget neutral.

We invite your public comments and questions postmarked **through August 8, 2020**. 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.