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1915(c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Services not receiving an increase

Governor Bullock has announced that Montana's budget is now in a position – as a result of savings, efficiencies, budget transfers and additional revenues due to changes in the federal tax code – to backfill some reductions made in State Fiscal Year 2018. The Governor has directed DPHHS to restore the across the board Medicaid provider rate reductions, effective 9/1/18.m with the exception of the services/supplies below:

1915(c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waivers:

- Developmental Disabilities Comprehensive Waiver: Community Transition Services; Live-in Caregiver, Adaptive Equipment; Individual Goods and Services; Personal Emergency Response Systems; and Environmental Modifications.
- Children's Autism Waiver: Individual Goods and Services, and Environmental Modifications.
- Big Sky Waiver: Pain and Symptom Management-Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy; Respite–Nursing Facility; Community Transition Services; Home/Vehicle Modifications; Homemaker Chore; Private Duty Nursing LPN, RN and Nurse Supervision; Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies; Specially Trained Attendant LPN and RN; and Transportation Miles.
- Severe Disabling Mental Illness Waiver: Pain and Symptom Management-Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy; Respite–Nursing Facility; Community Transition Services; Health and Wellness; Homemaker Chore; Private Duty Nursing LPN, RN and Nurse Supervision; Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies; Environmental Accessibility Adaptations-Home Modifications; and Transportation Miles.

We invite your comments and questions on the amendments above **by midnight 9/8/18**. You may direct comments or request a hard copy from Mary Eve Kulawik, Medicaid State Plan and Waiver Coordinator, at (406) 444-2584 or mkulawik@mt.gov; or Director's Office, PO Box 4210, Helena, MT 59604-4210.