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Multiple Medicaid State Plan Amendments Effective August 1, 2021

On or before September 30, 2021, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) is submitting the following Medicaid State Plan Amendment effective August 1, 2021.

The Preventive Services-Autism Treatment Services State Plan is being amended to:

- Change the State Plan name to "Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Services."
- Add language to the Service Components section to define the two distinct components of service and their requirements.
- Remove language in the Provider Qualifications and Billing Requirements section that defines specific services each provider can perform that is now indicated by the billable Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes for ABA services.
- Remove the intermediate Family Support Specialist with an Autism Endorsement, which has become a discontinued certification.
- Expand the Autism Treatment CPT Category 1 codes, and add the rates established for the additional codes. Language is being added that the allowable CPT code range includes treatment of the diagnoses of Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED), including Autism Spectrum Disorder, and/or Developmental Disability (defined as having been deemed eligible for the receipt of state sponsored developmental disabilities services) that meets the Functional Impairment Criteria defined by the Department.

The total estimated annual fiscal impact of this amendment is \$766,111.

We invite your public comments and questions postmarked **through July 30, 2021**. 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.