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Multiple State Plan Amendments effective October 1, 2018

On or before December 31, 2018, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) will submit the following Medicaid State Plan Amendments for approval to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, effective October 1, 2018.

Effective October 1, 2018, DPHHS will amend the Community First Choice and Personal Care Services State Plans to begin administering the community-based Direct Care Wage increase using 2017 Montana State Legislature House Bill 638 funding, and Healthcare for Healthcare Workers (HCHCW), that are part of DPHHS's ongoing budget. Enrolled Medicaid providers of this service will receive information regarding application for, and the distribution of, funds to adequately implement the HCHCW funds per Administrative Rules of Montana 37.40.1030. The total estimated annual impact is \$1,235,412.

We invite your comments and questions postmarked **through October 26, 2018**. 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.