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Multiple State Plan Amendments effective September 1, 2018

Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) will submit several Montana Medicaid State Plan and/or Waiver amendments for approval to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, effective 9/1/18.

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. Accordingly, DPHHS will submit Medicaid State Plan and/or Waiver amendments to raise all rates by up to 3.56% as outlined in Montana Administrative Register notices 37-859 and 37-861, with the exception of the services/supplies below:

State Plan:

- Federally Qualified Health Center services;
- Rural Health Clinic services;
- Indian Health Service and Tribal 638 facility services that receive reimbursement at the all-inclusive rate or a negotiated rate;
- Eyeglasses;
- Average Acquisition Cost for pharmacy ingredient;
- Member transportation;
- Home Health;
- Community First Choice/Personal Assistance Services;
- Integrated Co-occurring Treatment;
- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) Rehabilitation Direct Care Wage reimbursement;
- EPSDT Private Duty Nursing; and
- Primary Care Case Management (Comprehensive Primary Care Plus and Patient Centered Medical Home).

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

- 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; Health and Wellness; 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; and Respite–Nursing Facility.

We invite your comments and questions on the amendments above **by midnight 9/7/18**. 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.