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On or before 3/31/19, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) will submit a request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to amend the Medicaid 1915(c) 0208 Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Comprehensive Waiver for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities. The amendment will have an effective date of 6/29/19.

The 1915(c) HCBS Comprehensive Waiver is designed to provide an individual with a developmental disability a choice of receiving long term care services in a community setting as an alternative to receiving long term care services in an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID). The member must meet ICF/IID level of care and reside in Montana.

Effective 6/29/19, the Comprehensive Waiver for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities will be amended with the following changes:

- The DPHHS Developmental Disabilities (DD) Program and representatives from DD providers have had extensive meetings over the last year to discuss ways to improve the current invoicing and rates system. Through these discussions, we came to an agreement that we would request an amendment to change from an hourly to a daily rate for the following services: Supported Employment - Small Group, Residential Habilitation, Day Supports and Activities and Retirement Services.
- Waiver billing is being moved into the Medicaid Management Information System.
- Rate estimates for Waiver Years one through five are being recalculated based on rate changes approved by the Montana Legislature and the changes to the reimbursement for the services identified above.
- The language of the performance measure "personal goals" is changing to "assessed needs."
- Representative samples for performance measures are being updated to reflect a 95% confidence interval with a plus/minus 5% margin of error.

The estimated fiscal impact of the amendment in Waiver Year 1 is an increase of \$10,701,136.35. The estimated fiscal impact of the amendment in Waiver Years 2 through 5 is an increase of \$11,786,208.69.

The currently approved Comprehensive Waiver, and the proposed draft Comprehensive Waiver amendment may be reviewed at <https://dphhs.mt.gov/dsd/developmentaldisabilities/DDPmedicaidwaivers>. The state, upon request, will make available hard copies.

We invite your comments and questions postmarked **through 3/14/19**. You may direct comments to 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.