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**Montana Medicaid State Plan Amendment effective January 1, 2023**

On or before December 31, 2022, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) is submitting the Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) Services State Plan Amendment (SPA), effective January 1, 2023, to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

DPHHS proposes to remove prior authorization requirements for EPSDT Extraordinary Needs Aides (ENA) and make mental health Intensive Outpatient (IOP) services a permanent benefit. IOP is currently approved under a COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) SPA that ends with the PHE.

It is estimated that expenditures for IOP will be \$100,946 for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023, and \$211,978 for SFY 2024. There is no additional fiscal impact for ENA services related to these changes.

We invite your public comments and questions postmarked **through December 16, 2022**. You may direct comments to Mary Eve Kulawik, Medicaid State Plan Amendment and Waiver Coordinator, at (406) 444-2584 or [mkulawik@mt.gov](mailto:mkulawik@mt.gov); or Director's Office, PO Box 4210, Helena MT 59604-4210.