

Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

WASP Section 1115 Demonstration Public Hearing

May 19, 2022

May 20, 2022



Welcome & Zoom Logistics

Zoom Overview

- Participants are joining by computer and phone
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Submitting Public Comments

- ***Chat Function.***
 - Use the chat function to submit questions and public comments
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- ***Spoken.*** Telephone and computer participants will have the opportunity to submit public comments in the last half of the webinar (*more details will be shared about how to “raise your hand” & “unmute” yourself at that time*)

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1. Background
2. Proposed Waiver Extension Request for WASP
3. Waiver Evaluation and Monitoring
4. Timeline and Submission of Public Comment

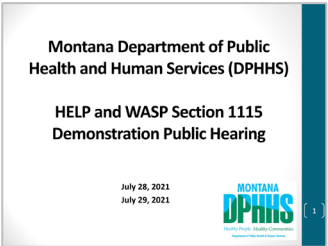
Objective of Today's Public Hearing



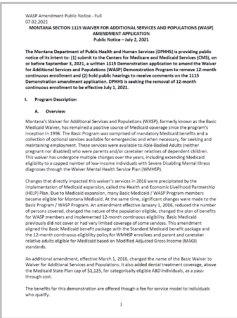
- **Provide an overview of the recently approved WASP Section 1115 Waiver amendment;**
- **Review the WASP Section 1115 Waiver Extension Request; and**
- **Provide an opportunity to submit public comments.**

Accessing Montana WASP Materials

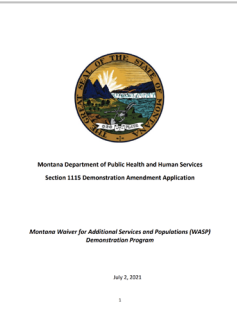
Information on Montana WASP Waiver can be found on the DPHHS web page:
<https://dphhs.mt.gov/montanahealthcareprograms/medicaid/2022waspwaiver>



This Presentation



The Public Notice



The Montana WASP Waiver Application

Submitting Public Comments

The WASP Waiver public comment period is currently ongoing. To be considered prior to CMS submission, public comments must be received by 11:59 pm MT on June 18, 2022.

Mail. Indicate “Medicaid WASP Waiver” in the address line
Department of Public Health and Human Services
Director’s Office
PO Box 4210
Helena, MT 59604-4210

Email. Indicate either “Medicaid WASP Waiver” in email’s subject line
dphhscomments@mt.gov

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Update on WASP Amendment Removing 12-Month Continuous Coverage for PCR Population

Montana submitted an amendment to remove 12-month continuous coverage for the Parent and Other Caretaker Relative population from the WASP Waiver.

- The 1115 Waiver for Additional Services and Populations (WASP) currently provides a 12-month continuous eligibility period for Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives (PCR) whose eligibility is based on section 1931 or 1925 of the Social Security Act and have income 0–24% FPL.
- A WASP amendment was approved March 30, 2022, that removes the expenditure authority for 12-month continuous eligibility for the PCR population.
- The implementation of that change will not be effective until the end of the federal public health emergency.

Summary of Montana's Current WASP Demonstration

- Montana's WASP Demonstration, formally known as the Basic Medicaid Waiver, has remained a positive source of Medicaid coverage since the program's inception in 1996.
- The WASP offers Standard Medicaid benefits to:
 - Individuals aged 18 or older with SDMI who are otherwise ineligible for Medicaid benefits and either:
 - Have income 0-138% of the FPL and are eligible for or enrolled in Medicare; or
 - Have income 139-150% of the FPL.
 - This population under WASP is limited to 3,000 members at one time.

Summary of Montana's Current WASP Demonstration

- The Aged, Blind or Disabled (ABD) population are individuals determined categorically eligible for Medicaid based on their age, blindness and/or disability.
 - This population receives a single limited benefit under WASP in addition to their Standard Medicaid benefit. That benefit is dental treatment services above the \$1,125 State Plan dental treatment cap.
 - There is no membership limit for this population.

Background On Section 1115 Waiver Authority

- Under Section 1115 of the federal Social Security Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services has authority to approve a state's request to waive compliance with provisions of federal Medicaid law
- An 1115 Waiver must be:
 - ✓ An experimental, pilot or demonstration project;
 - ✓ Likely to assist in promoting the objectives of the Medicaid program;
 - ✓ Budget neutral to the federal government; and
 - ✓ Limited in duration to the extent and period necessary to carry out the demonstration
- States must provide a public process for notice and comment on proposed demonstration applications and extensions

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WASP Eligible Populations

This extension request does not propose any changes to the current populations served under the WASP Waiver.

WASP Waiver

- The extension request will not affect the current populations served by the WASP Program, including:
 - Individuals aged 18 or older with SDMI who are otherwise ineligible for Medicaid benefits and either:
 - Have income 0–138% of the FPL and are eligible for or enrolled in Medicare; or
 - Have income 139–150% of the FPL.
 - The Aged, Blind or Disabled (ABD) population are individuals determined categorically eligible for Medicaid based on their age, blindness and/or disability.
 - This population receives a single limited benefit under WASP in addition to their Standard Medicaid benefit. That benefit is dental treatment services above the \$1,125 State Plan dental treatment cap.

Delivery System, Benefits, and Cost Sharing

This extension request does not propose any changes to the Medicaid health care delivery system, benefits, nor cost sharing for WASP enrollees.

WASP Waiver

- **The State does not propose any changes to the Medicaid health care delivery system.**
- Demonstration enrollees will continue to receive services through the State's fee-for-service delivery system.
- Demonstration enrollees will continue to receive the same benefits as they currently receive through the standard Medicaid benefit
- **The State does not propose any changes to benefits for Demonstration enrollees.**
- Montana currently does not apply cost sharing to any of its Medicaid members and therefore **no cost sharing will be imposed under this 1115 extension request**

Annual Expenditures

This extension request is seeking to extend the § 1115(a)(2) expenditure without fiscal impact to the WASP Demonstration Program.

WASP Waiver

- The estimated total annual fiscal benefit impact for the WASP Demonstration is \$0.00.

Goals and Objectives

This extension request does not propose any changes to or add additional goals or objectives for WASP.

WASP Waiver

- This extension request is **seeking to extended the § 1115(a)(2) expenditure authority** and does not propose any future additional goals of the WASP Demonstration Program.

Legal Authorities

This extension request is seeking to extend § 1115(a)(2) expenditure authority for an additional 5 years and does not propose any additional waiver and expenditure authority changes for WASP.

WASP Waiver

- This extension request is seeking to extend § 1115(a)(2) expenditure authority for an additional 5 years and **does not propose any additional waiver and expenditure authority changes to the WASP Demonstration Program.**

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Evaluation and Monitoring

This extension request does not propose to include additional hypotheses for WASP.

WASP Waiver

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Timeline & Next Steps

Milestones	Proposed Timeline
<i>Conduct 60-day State public comment</i>	<i>April 20, 2022 – June 18, 2022</i>
Mail Tribal Consultation Letter	April 19, 2022
Public Hearing (1 of 2)	May 19, 2022 (12:00 PM – 2:00 PM MT)
Public Hearing (2 of 2)	May 20, 2022 (12:00 PM – 2:00 PM MT)
Review public comments and finalize documents for CMS submission	May-June 2022
<i>Submit WASP Waiver Extension</i>	<i>By June 30, 2022</i>
CMS conducts federal 30-day public comment period	July 2022 – August 2022
Negotiations with CMS	July 2022 - December 2022
<i>Effective date of WASP Waiver Extension</i>	<i>January 1, 2023</i>

Ways To Provide Public Comments

Submit public comments by email, regular mail, or in-person
until 11:59 pm on June 18, 2022.

A hard copy of the draft waiver extension application and public notice documents
are available at the DPHHS Director's Office, 111 North Sanders St, Room 301,
Helena, MT.

By Phone	(406) 444-2584
By Email	dphhscomments@mt.gov
By Regular Mail	Medicaid WASP Extension Director's Office PO Box 4210 Helena, MT 59604-4210
In Person	Public Hearings

Opportunities To Provide Public Comment: Public Hearing

The Montana DPHHS is holding two virtual public hearings. All public comments should be limited to 2 minutes each.

Registration and additional information can be found on the DPHHS web page:
<https://dphhs.mt.gov/montanahealthcareprograms/medicaid/2022waspwaiver>

MAY 19
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Public Hearing #1 will be held virtually on Thursday, May 19, 2022, 12pm -2pm

Register for Public Hearing:
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MAY 20
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Public Hearing #2 will be held virtually on Friday, May 20, 2022, 12pm -2pm

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Public Comment Process

DPHHS will listen and collect comments in an organized manner.

All comments will be reviewed and considered equally whether they are received as written or verbal comments.

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 - Listen for your phone number to be called by moderator.
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