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Montana Medicaid State Plan Amendments effective July 1, 2024

On or before September 30, 2024, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) will submit the following Medicaid State Plan Amendments (SPAs) effective July 1, 2024.

Targeted Case Management Services for High-Risk Pregnant Women

DPHHS proposes to amend Targeted Case Management (TCM) services for High-Risk Pregnant Women (HRPW) to furnish TCM for HRPW for 12-months post-partum. The current approved state plan furnishes TCM for 60 days post-partum. The total annual estimated fiscal impact of this amendment is \$4,493.

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment

DPHHS proposes to amend the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment State Plan Comprehensive Behavioral Health Treatment service to remove specific per diem rates. The proposed amendment is administrative clean-up and does not change or effect the current rates. All current rates are posted on the fee schedule. This amendment is budget neutral.

Pediatric Complex Care Assistant

DPHHS proposes to add a new Pediatric Complex Care Assistant Services (PCCAS) provider type to Other Licensed Practitioners in the Medicaid State Plan. PCCAS is a licensed practitioner established by the Montana Legislature during the 2023 session to provide an additional avenue of support and services for pediatric individuals under the age of 21 years, who have specialized, complex care needs. The new benefit will also establish a pathway to pay family caregivers for some elements of specialized care to complex pediatric individuals. The total annual estimated fiscal impact of this amendment is \$1,268,833.06.

Alternative Benefit Plan Updates

DPHHS proposes to amend the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) templates to align Montana's ABP with Montana's State Plan as required under Section 1937 of the Social Security Act. In compliance with 42 CFR §440.345, individuals under 21 years of age receiving Medicaid benefits will continue to have access to services within the full early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT) benefit as defined in Section 1905(r) of the Social Security Act.

The ABP is being updated to include all Essential Health Benefits from the Base Benchmark Plan and match them to the State Plan coverage to verify alignment with the two. This update is to make Montana's ABP compliant with federal guidelines and to verify alignment between the ABP and State Plan.

The templates will be revised to:

- Conform to no cost-sharing for any population.
- Align with the Other Rehabilitative Services and TCM HRPW changes and new PCCAS provider type upon the approval of the three SPAs effective July 1, 2024. The Other Rehabilitative Services SPA was noticed in a [previous public notice](#) posted online on April 12, 2024.

- Confirm that any Expansion adult served under the ABP who is under age 21 has all the EPSDT protections.
- Align to include the Tribal Health Improvement Program, which CMS approved to be moved from a 1915(b) waiver to a 1932(a) state plan authority.

The ABP SPA is budget neutral as this does not present any changes to the current benefits or services.

We invite your public comments and questions postmarked through July 6, 2024. You may direct comments to the Medicaid State Plan Amendment and Waiver Coordinator, at (406) 444-2584 or dphscomments@mt.gov; or Director's Office, P.O. Box 4210, Helena, MT 59601-4210.