

Transportation Medicaid State Plan Amendment Posted Online for Public Comment September 21, 2026

On or before October 31, 2026, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) will submit the Transportation Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for approval, with a proposed effective date of October 1, 2026.

DPHHS proposes to amend Section 4.19B of the Montana Medicaid State Plan related to Transportation. The amendment updates the program to claim transportation as an optional medical service in accordance with 42 C.F.R § 440.170(a) and transitions service delivery to a broker model. This will also include updating payment methodology for the broker and providers. Member transportation benefits will remain the same.

The fiscal impact anticipates a decrease in the state share and an increase in federal expenditures, with projected totals of \$1,945,108 in SFY 2027 and \$2,632,790 in SFY 2028.

DPHHS is committed to an extensive public process. We invite your comments and questions on this state plan amendment, submitted by email or postmarked by **October 21, 2026**. You may direct comments to the Medicaid State Plan Amendment and Waiver Coordinator at (406) 444-2584 or dphhscomments@mt.gov or the Director's Office, PO Box 4210, Helena, MT 59620.