

Montana Section 1115 Waiver for Additional Services and Populations
(WASP) Demonstration Waiver

January 2024 Amendment Submission

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE SCHEDULE

Public Comment Period:

August 19, 2023 – October 17, 2023

All Public Notice and Tribal Consultation documents referred to below are posted on the webpage:
<https://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/Medicaid/Medicaid1115Waiver/WaspAmendment>

Public Hearing

The public is invited to participate in-person or electronically via Zoom to a hybrid public hearing regarding the demonstration application.

The public hearing will be held Friday, September 15, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mountain Time. Please [REGISTER](#) to attend.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. If special accommodations are needed, contact Mary Eve Kulawik at (406) 444-2584 or mkulawik@mt.gov.

Comments and questions may be submitted by the following methods:

- By US Mail:
Medicaid WASP Waiver Amendment
Department of Public Health and Human Services, Director's Office 111 North Sanders Street
PO Box 4210 Helena MT 59604 c/o Mary Eve Kulawik
- By telephone: (406) 444-2584
- By electronic mail: dphhscomments@mt.gov

You will also have opportunity to officially comment during the federal public comment period after the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) finds the application and public notice requirements met.

PUBLIC NOTICE SCHEDULE

Postings not listing a location to post, will post at

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DATE	NECESSARY ACTION
On or Before August 18, 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Send Revised Public Notice/Public Input Schedule to CMS. 2. Post Public Notice Schedule. 3. Post Explanation of Public Notice Process.
On or Before August 18, 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Send Tribal Consultation letters to Tribes informing them of 60-day public comment period, inviting their input at the Montana Public Hearing held virtually and in-person on September 15, 2023, and informing them of where to find information online and the opportunity to submit comments. 2. Post unsigned Tribal Consultation letter.
On or Before August 18, 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Send Montana Health Coalition electronic memo informing them of 60-day public comment period, inviting their input at the hybrid Montana Public Hearing held on September 15, 2023, and informing them of where to find information online and the opportunity to submit comments; 2. Post the Coalition memo to the Coalition webpage, and 3. Post unsigned Health Coalition memo on the WASP Amendment webpage.
On or Before August 18, 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Send WASP Mental Health Services Plan (MHSP) Stakeholders electronic memo informing them of 60-day public comment period, inviting their input at the hybrid Montana Public Hearing held on September 15, 2023, and informing them of where to find information online and the opportunity to submit comments; and 2. Post unsigned MHSP Stakeholders memo.
On or Before August 18, 2023	Send Children, Families, Health and Human Services Interim Committee electronic memo informing them of 60-day public comment period, inviting their input at the hybrid amendment public hearing held on September 15, 2023, and informing them of where to find information online and the opportunity to submit comments.
On or Before August 18, 2023	Post notice of public hearing on the state's e-calendar.
On or Before August 18, 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Publish Newspaper Public Notice that is the Abbreviated Public Notice in 3 largest Montana newspapers: <i>Missoulian</i> (Missoula, MT); <i>Billings Gazette</i> (Billings, MT); and the <i>Independent Record</i> (Helena, MT); and 2. Post text of the Newspaper Public Notice online.
On or Before August 18, 2023	Post all remaining pre-start of Public Notice Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Approved Public Notice • Abbreviated Public Notice • Preliminary Draft Application
On or Before August 18, 2023	Post the link to the January 1, 2024 WASP Fertility Preservation Amendment webpage on the following webpages: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DPHHS Public Notices webpage; and 2. Medicaid State Plan and Waiver Amendment Public Notices webpage

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August 19, 2023	Begin the state 60-day Public Comment Period and CMS-required 30-day State comment period. Begins on August 19, 2023, and ends on October 17, 2023.
September 7, 2023	Post the Agenda and Handout for the hybrid amendment public hearing held on September 15, 2023.
September 15, 2023	Hold hybrid amendment public hearing with Zoom capabilities. To be held September 15, 2023, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
On or before September 22, 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obtain Governor signed cover letter for application submission; and 2. Send signed cover letter to WASP Program Officer for inclusion in the submission packets.
On or before September 30, 2023	Post the number of attendees for the September 15, 2023 public hearing.
October 17, 2023	End of 60-day Public Comment Period
ASAP after Public Notice Period	<p>Complete:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Final Comprehensive Description of the Demonstration and 2. Compliance with Public Notice Document 3. Red-Line Application 4. Clean Final Application
On or before October 20, 2023	<p>Post:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Final Comprehensive Description of the Demonstration. 2. Compliance with the Public Notice Process document. 3. Red-line Version of Preliminary Application showing changes made based on public comment. 4. Clean version of Final Application including cover page, Governor's cover letter, comments received and responses given. 5. CMS Website for Section 1115 Waivers and Public Notice.
On or before October 20, 2023	Send Mary Eve both electronic and paper versions of Application Packet with Cover pages and Governor's letter.
On October 23, 2023	Submit both electronic and paper version of Application Packet to CMS.
Following CMS findings of a complete waiver application	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Post the CMS completeness letter for the January 1, 2024 WASP Fertility Preservation Amendment application; and 2. Observe the federal 30-day public comment period.
January 1, 2024	Fertility Preservation Amendment Effective Date