

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the amendment of ) NOTICE OF AMENDMENT  
ARM 37.79.304 pertaining to Healthy )  
Montana Kids Benefits )

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On July 26, 2024, the Department of Public Health and Human Services published MAR Notice No. 37-1083 pertaining to the public hearing on the proposed amendment of the above-stated rule at page 1810 of the 2024 Montana Administrative Register, Issue Number 14.

2. The department has amended ARM 37.79.304 as proposed.

3. The department has thoroughly considered the comments and testimony received. A summary of the comments received, and the department's responses are as follows:

COMMENT #1: One commenter expressed support and appreciation for this rulemaking. Additionally, the commenter requested the department ensure the recently added benefit of extended coverage to postpartum women is included in the plan being adopted.

RESPONSE #1: The department appreciates the commenter's support. The extended coverage to postpartum women does include individuals enrolled in the Healthy Montana Kids program and was adopted July 1, 2023, through updates to ARM 37.79.201, as published in MAR Notice No. 37-1057.

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