

**1115 Montana HELP (also known as Medicaid Expansion)
Amendment
Public Notice Schedule**

(Public Comment Period: July 3, 2021 – August 31, 2021)

**All Public Notice and Tribal Consultation documents referred to below are posted on the HELP
(also known as Medicaid Expansion) Amendment Submission Webpage
<https://dphhs.mt.gov/helpplan/2021medicaidnotice>**

DUE DATE	NECESSARY ACTION
July 2, 2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Send the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) this Public Notice Schedule. 2. Post this Public Notice Schedule on the 2021 HELP Waiver Amendment sub-webpage.
July 2, 2021	<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 either or both of the Montana Public Hearings held virtually on July 28, 2021 and July 29, 2021, and informing them of where to find information online and the opportunity to submit comments. 2. Post generic Tribal Consultation letter on the 2021 HELP Waiver Amendment sub-webpage.
July 2, 2021	<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 either or both of the Montana Public Hearings held virtually on July 28, 2021 and July 29, 2021, and informing them of where to find information online and the opportunity to submit comments. Also send the July 29, 2021 Health Coalition Meeting agenda. 2. Post the Coalition memo and agenda to the Coalition’s webpage healthcoalition (mt.gov). 3. Post generic Health Coalition memo, and July 29 agenda which includes Zoom registration link, on the 2021 HELP Waiver Amendment sub-webpage.
July 2, 2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Send Stakeholders electronic memo informing them of 60-day public comment period, inviting their input at either or both of the Montana Public Hearings held virtually on July 28, 2021, and July 29, 2021, and informing them of where to find information online and the opportunity to submit comments. 2. Post Stakeholders memo on the 2021 HELP Waiver Amendment sub-webpage.
July 2, 2021	Post announcement of public hearings on the state’s e-calendar.
July 2, 2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Publish Abbreviated Public Notice in 3 largest Montana newspapers: Missoulian, (Missoula, MT); Billings Gazette, (Billings, MT); and the Independent Record, (Helena, MT)

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	2. Post text of the Abbreviated Public Notice on the 2021 HELP Waiver Amendment sub-webpage.
July 2, 2021	Post on the 2021 HELP Waiver Amendment sub-webpage: 1. Abbreviated Public Notice document published in newspapers with announcement of the scheduled virtual public hearing; 2. Full Public Notice document with announcement of the scheduled virtual public hearing; 3. Registration information for the public hearing; 4. Draft HELP Amendment Application.
July 2, 2021	Post the link to the 2021 HELP Waiver Amendment sub-webpage https://dphhs.mt.gov/helpplan/2021medicaidnotice on the following webpages: 1. DPHHS Public Notices webpage: Public Notices (mt.gov) . 2. Medicaid State Plan and Waiver Amendment Public Notices webpage: Medicaid State Plan and Waiver Amendment Public Notices (mt.gov) .
July 2, 2021	Send Montana Health Coalition electronic memo informing them of a virtual meeting to discuss the draft HELP Waiver Amendment application.
July 3, 2021	Begin the state 60-day Public Comment Period and CMS-required 30-day State comment period. Ends on August 31, 2021.
July 23, 2021	Post the link to the Children, Families, Health and Human Services Interim Committee August 10, 2021 meeting webpage with the agenda, draft HELP Waiver Amendment Application, and materials on the 2021 HELP Waiver Amendment sub-webpage https://www.leg.mt.gov/committees/interim/cfhhs/meeting-info/
By July 26, 2021	Post the agenda and Power Point for the Montana Public Hearing held virtually on July 28, 2021 on the 2021 HELP Waiver Amendment sub-webpage https://dphhs.mt.gov/helpplan/2021medicaidnotice
By July 26, 2021	Post Power Point for the Montana Health Coalition Meeting to be held July 29, 2021, on the 2021 HELP Waiver Amendment sub-webpage. Post the Power Point for the Montana Health Coalition Meeting to be held July 29, 2021, on the Coalition's webpage, at: https://dphhs.mt.gov/boardscouncils/healthcoalition .
July 28, 2021	Hold virtual Montana Public Hearing with Zoom capabilities. To be held July 28, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to noon, Mountain Time.
July 29, 2021	Present the draft HELP Waiver Amendment application at the Montana Health Coalition meeting. This meeting will also serve as the annual Public Forum to discuss the HELP Waiver.
By August 6, 2021	Post the Montana Public Hearing number of attendees on the 2021 HELP Waiver Amendment sub-webpage.
By August 6, 2021	Post the Montana Health Coalition number of attendees on the 2021 HELP Waiver Amendment sub-webpage.
By August 6, 2021	Send formal invitation and draft agenda to Tribes, Urban Indian Health Centers and the IHS for virtual Tribal Consultation to be held on August 24, 2021.
By August 6, 2021	Post generic August 24, 2021 Tribal Consultation formal invitation and draft agenda on the 2021 HELP Waiver Amendment sub-webpage.

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August 10, 2021	Present the draft HELP Amendment Waiver Application to the Children, Families, Health and Human Services Interim Committee.
August 24, 2021	Hold virtual Tribal Consultation Meeting.
August 31, 2021	Public Comment period will close at midnight, August 31, 2021.
On or before September 3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Post changes (if any) to the draft HELP Waiver Amendment application as a result of public comment on the 2021 HELP Waiver Amendment sub-webpage. Changes will show in redline. 2. Post final Waiver application on 2021 HELP Waiver Amendment sub-webpage.
September 3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submit final HELP Waiver Amendment applications to CMS. 2. Post final HELP Waiver Amendment application on the 2021 HELP Waiver Amendment sub-webpage.
Following CMS finding of a complete waiver application	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Post the CMS completeness letter for the HELP Amendment on the 2021 HELP Waiver Amendment sub-webpage. 2. Observe the federal 30-day public comment period.