- Passport to Health is a primary care case management (PCCM) program for Montana Medicaid, Health and Economic Livelihood Partnership (HELP)/Medicaid Expansion, and Healthy Montana Kids *Plus* (HMK *Plus*) and has been in existence since 1994. Services are provided through a 1915(b) waiver that must be renewed every 2 years. The current waiver expires June 30, 2024.

- A PCCM program is a form of managed care where the primary care provider (PCP) acts as the "medical home" for members. The PCP provides or coordinates the member's care and makes referrals to other providers when necessary. With some exceptions, all services to Passport members must be provided or approved by the members' Passport provider.

- A medical home is a concept which encourages a strong doctor/patient relationship. A medical home provides a source of regular, quality medical care that provides both preventive care and prompt attention in cases of illness and injury. Members have medical care that is accessible, comprehensive, continuous, and coordinated.

- Each member has a designated Passport provider such as a physician, mid-level practitioner or primary care clinic who manages their health care needs. Members must get most services from their PCP or get a referral from him/her to receive services from another provider who accepts Montana Medicaid. Members have their choice of provider, however those who do not choose a primary care provider will have one selected for him/her.

- Passport PCPs are paid $1 per member per month (PMPM) for most members and $3 PMPM for members who are categorically eligible as aged, blind disabled. The provider is expected to provide access for the member for needed services (both preventive and illness visits) and refer the member out for services that would be better performed elsewhere or when the PCP cannot schedule an appointment promptly.

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- https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov/passport

- https://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/MemberServices