



**Steve Bullock, Governor**

**Sheila Hogan, Director**

June 5, 2019

The Honorable [First Name] [Last Name]  
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**Re: Invitation to Attend Formal Medicaid State-Tribal Consultation on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, in Helena**

Dear [Title] [Last Name]:

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) would like to request your presence and participation in a formal Medicaid Tribal Consultation in Helena. This consultation is being conducted with representatives from Tribal Governments, Urban Indian Health Centers and the Indian Health Service.

This important Medicaid Tribal Consultation is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 16, 2019, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm in Helena**. It will be held at the DPHHS Cogswell Building, 1400 Broadway Street, in the combined meeting rooms C205, C207 and C209. Lunch will be provided.

The attached draft agenda focuses on: a) the changes to the Montana Medicaid Expansion program; and b) implementation of House Bill 658 from the 66<sup>th</sup> Montana Legislative Session. Consultation topics will include:

- Revised Medicaid eligibility verification.
- New community engagement requirements and exemptions.
- Changes in premium structure and copayments.
- American Indian/Alaska Native cost sharing protections.

In addition to the consultation topics, we will discuss the Department's timeline for submission, negotiation and implementation of the new Montana Medicaid Expansion provisions.

If you should have questions, comments or need additional information before the Tribal Consultation, please contact Mary Eve Kulawik, State Plan Amendment and Waiver Coordinator, at (406) 444-2584, or mkulawik@mt.gov; or Lesa Evers, Tribal Relations Manager at (406) 444-1813 or by email at levers@mt.gov.

Your attendance and participation are important to us. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Marie Matthews  
Montana State Medicaid Director

c: [Tribal Health Director]  
Jason Smith, Director of Indian Affairs, Governor's Office  
Lesla Evers, Tribal Relations Manager, DPHHS

Attachment: Draft Agenda (as of June 4, 2019)