



# Department of Public Health and Human Services

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**Greg Gianforte, Governor**  
**Adam Meier, Director**

July 27, 2021

The Honorable [First Name] [Last Name]  
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[Company Name]  
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**Re: Invitation to attend virtual formal Medicaid State-Tribal Consultation on HELP and WASP Waiver Amendments removing 12-month Continuous Medicaid Coverage - Tuesday, August 24, 2021**

Dear [Title] [Last Name]:

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) extends an invitation to join us for a formal Medicaid tribal consultation that is being held with representatives of Tribal Governments, Urban Indian Health Centers and the Indian Health Service.

The Medicaid tribal consultation will be held via Zoom on **Tuesday, August 24, 2021 from 8:30 am – 11:00 am**. The agenda and zoom call in information will be provided to you prior to the tribal consultation.

During the recent 2021 legislative session, Montana legislators passed a budget that explicitly removed funding for 12-month continuous Medicaid coverage and directed the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) to terminate the policy. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) informed DPHHS that amendments to the current Health and Economic Livelihood Partnership (HELP) 1115 Waiver and the current 1115 Waiver for Additional Services and Populations (WASP) are needed to remove the 12-month continuous eligibility policy.

Therefore, DPHHS will submit two 1115 waiver amendments, effective July 1, 2021, to remove expenditure authority for 12-month continuous eligibility of Medicaid Expansion adults (HELP Waiver) and all nonexpansion Medicaid-covered individuals whose eligibility is based on MAGI and all Waiver Mental Health Service Plan enrollees (WASP Waiver). **This will be the sole topic of this tribal consultation.**

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

The department is interested in your feedback and understanding of the impact this change could have on your organization and those you serve.

Sincerely,

Marie Matthews  
Montana State Medicaid Director

c: [Tribal Health Director]  
Misty Kuhl, Director of Indian Affairs, Governor's Office  
Lesa Evers, Tribal Relations Manager, DPHHS