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Steve Bullock, Governor

Richard H. Opper, Director

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Dear :

We are pleased to invite comment from all Tribal Chairs, Tribal Presidents, Urban Indian Center Directors and Indian Health Service regarding the renewal application for the Behavioral Health Severe Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI) Home and Community Based Services Waiver. The Department of Public Health and Human Services will submit the waiver renewal request for approval to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on or before March 30, 2015, for an effective date of July 1, 2015.

This memo is to inform you that on or before March 30, 2015, the Department of Public Health and Human Services will submit a request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to renew the Behavioral Health SDMI HCBS Waiver, for an effective date of July 1, 2015.

The currently approved SDMI Waiver may be reviewed at:

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/amdd/Mentalhealthservices>. This renewal will potentially have a positive impact for the American Indian individuals served on this waiver. Additional changes identified for the renewal are:

- Adding Peer Support services.
- Replacing Psychosocial Consultation with Consultative Clinical and Therapeutic Services.
- Additional service that may be removed or reduced in number of units due to minimal utilization is day habilitation.

The SDMI Waiver renewal application is available for review, at

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/amdd/Mentalhealthservices> and comments can be made directly through the website. The state, upon request, will make available hard copies of the Waiver renewal including the transition plan. Questions or comments can be submitted **from March 1 through March 30, 2015**, addressed to: Marcia Armstrong, Mental Health Medicaid Program Manager at marmstrong@mt.gov, (406) 444-2878, or Addictive and Mental Disorders Division (AMDD), PO Box 202905, Helena MT 59620-2905; or to Mary Eve Kulawik, Medicaid State Plan Amendment and Waiver Coordinator, at (406) 444-2584 or mkulawik@mt.gov, or Director's Office, PO Box 4210, Helena, MT 59604.

Please let us know if you would like to arrange a date and time for us to further discuss this waiver. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Dalton
State Medicaid Director

cc: Jason Smith, Director, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs
Lesa Evers, Tribal Relations Manager, DPHHS