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Date: April 24, 2015

To: Montana Health Coalition Members, Ad Hoc Members, and Interested Parties

From: Mary Dalton, Medicaid State Director Mary

Subject: Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Regulation's Setting Requirements and Montana's Transition Plan: Member Survey and Provider Self-Assessment Tools

This memo is to inform you how Montana intends to comply with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published regulations in the Federal Register (42.CFR 441.301(c)(4)-(6)) on January 16, 2014, effective March 17, 2014, which changed the definition of Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) settings for section 1915(c) Medicaid Waivers and approved state plans providing HCBS under section 1915(i).

These new rules require a transition plan, allowing up to five years for full compliance. The new rules also require states to develop and submit a transition plan identifying how the HCBS Waivers will be brought into compliance with the new outcome-oriented definition of HCBS settings. The transition plan is required in conjunction with any waiver amendment or renewal submitted following the implementation of the new regulation. The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) previously provided an opportunity for public comment on Montana's HCBS Transition Plan.

A crucial next step in Montana's transition plan is to assess settings to determine compliance with the new regulations. DPHHS is now seeking your input on the Member Survey and Provider Self-Assessment tools through the public comment process.

This public notice, Member Survey, Provider Self-Assessment, transition plan, and other related information for participating in and submitting comment are posted on the DPHHS website at: http://dphhs.mt.gov/hcbs. Written comments can be submitted **from April 27, 2015, to May 27, 2015.**

The state, upon request, will make available hard copies of the Member Survey and Provider Self-Assessment.

In addition to the schedule of other comment submission options, an opportunity for public comment will be held at a public meeting on **May 11, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00**

a.m., at the Department of Environmental Quality, Metcalf Building, 1520 East Sixth Avenue, Room 111, Helena, Montana. Parking is available at the back of the building, (north side).

Individuals who need assistance to participate during this meeting should call 406-444-2584. The public meeting can also be accessed via webinar at this link:

https://hhsmt.webex.com/hhsmt/j.php?MTID=md1b1742acbac3ea0bf5d9bb881d2e307

The call in number and access code are:
Toll free #: 1-877-668-4490
Access code: 573 800 807

Comments and other input on this proposed Member Survey and Provider Self-Assessment should be submitted by **May 27, 2015** by phone at 406-444-2584; email at MKulawik@mt.gov with "Assessment Tools" in the subject line; or via mail to: Mary Eve Kulawik, DPHHS, 111 N. Sanders St., Room 301, PO Box 4210, Helena, MT 59604.