



# Department of Public Health and Human Services

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Date: August 31, 2016

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

From: Mary E. Dalton, Medicaid State Director

Subject: Plan First Section 1115 Medicaid Family Planning Waiver Renewal

This memo is to inform you that on or before December 31, 2016, the Department of Public Health and Human Services will submit a three-year Plan First Section 1115 Medicaid Family Planning Waiver Renewal for approval to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, with a proposed effective date of January 1, 2018. The waiver renewal makes no substantial changes. The current waiver includes about 2,000 women, ages 19-44, able to become pregnant but not presently pregnant, who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid, and earning a household income up to 211% of the federal poverty level. The waiver goals are to decrease the number of births paid for by Medicaid, and improve health outcomes for members. Services are limited to waiver covered family planning services and supplies. The estimated total annual fiscal benefit impact is \$1.01 million.

We invite your comments and questions on the Plan First Waiver renewal postmarked **by October 10, 2016**. You may direct comments to Mary Eve Kulawik, Medicaid State Plan Amendment and Waiver Coordinator, at (406) 444-2584 or [mkulawik@mt.gov](mailto:mkulawik@mt.gov); or Director's Office, PO Box 4210, Helena, MT 59604-4210.

The proposed changes, waiver benefit description, eligibility and program description, copayment requirements, waiver evaluation design with goals/objectives, healthcare delivery system, public meeting details, and public notice schedule are located on the Department website at <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/planfirst>. Two public meetings will be held regarding the renewal:

- 1) October 4, 2016, 12:30-1:30 PM by WebEx, or in person at the Cogswell Building, Room C209, 1400 Broadway, Helena, MT; and
- 2) October 5, 2016, 12:30-1:30 PM by WebEx, or in person at the conference room at the Yellowstone County Office of Public Assistance, 111 N 31<sup>st</sup> St., Billings, Montana.