

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) is providing public notice of (1) the Health and Economic Livelihood Partnership Program (HELP Program) health benefit plan, or Alternative Benefit Plans (ABPs), which include the Standard Medicaid ABP and the Third Party Administrator (TPA) ABP and; (2) and a public meeting to be held for comments on the ABPs.

On April 29, 2015, Governor Steve Bullock signed into law Senate Bill 405, an Act establishing the Montana HELP Program to expand health coverage in Montana to an estimated 70,000 new adults with incomes up to 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

Montana will contract with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT), a TPA, to administer the delivery of and payment for healthcare services for most new adults, with the exception of individuals who are exempt from TPA enrollment, such as medically frail and those who require continuity of coverage that is not available or could not be effectively delivered through the TPA.

The HELP Program will be statewide and will operate during calendar years 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019. The State anticipates that approximately 45,000-70,000 individuals will be eligible for the Demonstration.

The ABPs will include the 10 Essential Health Benefits (EHBs) as required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) which include: ambulatory patient services; emergency services; hospitalization; pregnancy, maternity, and newborn care; mental health and substance use disorder services; prescription drugs; rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices; laboratory services; preventive and wellness services; and pediatric services. Benefits also include: vision, dental, hearing aids, transportation, Diabetes Prevention Program, prescription drugs, and services at Indian Health Services, Federally Qualified Health Clinics, and Rural Health Clinics.

The ABP public meeting can be attended in person or via WebEx:  
WebEx hosted on November 12, 2015, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., in the Sanders Building Auditorium, 111 North Sanders Street, Helena, MT 59601. To join via WebEx, go to:  
<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/medicaidexpansion>. If special accommodations are needed, contact 406-444-4455.

Public comments may be submitted until midnight on November 26, 2015. Comments may be submitted by e-mail to [rcorbett@mt.gov](mailto:rcorbett@mt.gov) or by regular mail to: The Department of Public Health and Human Services, Attn: Rebecca Corbett, PO Box 202951, Helena, MT 59620-2951.