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

From: Mary Dalton, Medicaid State Director Mary

Subject: Behavioral Health Severe Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Renewal and Transition Plan

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 February 27 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.