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

From: Marie Matthews, Medicaid State Director

Subject: 1915(c) Behavioral Health Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Severe Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI) Waiver Amendment

This memo is to inform you that on October 10, 2018, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) will submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services an amendment to the current 1915(c) HCBS Waiver for Individuals with SDMI to remove the following services, effective December 1, 2018:

- Prevocational services: DPHHS has determined prevocational services provided through waiver Life Coach or Peer Services are underutilized and a duplication of other services available to Medicaid members in vocational rehabilitation programs available in various Montana communities.
- Personal Response System, Installation and Testing: This service is provided through Medicaid State Plan and has not been utilized in fiscal year 2018.
- Personal Emergency Response, Rental: This service is provided through Medicaid State Plan.
- Personal Emergency Response System, Purchase: This service is provided through Medicaid State Plan and has not been utilized in fiscal year 2018.

The draft 1915(c) HCBS SDMI Waiver amendment is available for review at <http://dphhs.mt.gov/amdd/Mentalhealthservices.aspx>. Hard copies are available upon request.

We invite your comments and questions on the above waiver amendment **through October 8, 2018**. You may direct comments 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 59604-4210.