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On or before 6/30/15, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services will be submitting several Medicaid and CHIP State Plan Amendments (SPA) and Waiver amendments for approval to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), to update the fee schedule date to 7/1/15, and to increase fees by the amounts appropriated by the 64th Montana Legislature.

The Introduction Page SPA will update the date of the fee schedules to 7/1/15, and give a legislatively appropriated fee increase for State Plan Services that otherwise do not submit the fiscal impact to CMS in a separate State Plan Amendment. The following Medicaid services will receive an approximate 2% fee increase effective 7/1/15, with the associated approximate annual total cost: Nutritionist, \$1,520; and Private Duty Nursing, \$102,283.

The following services will be added to the Introduction Page effective 7/1/15: Targeted Case Management (TCM) Services for Adults with Severe Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI); TCM Services for Youth with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED); TCM Services for Youth with SED in an Out Of State (OOS) Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF); and TCM Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Age 16 and Over or who Reside in a DD Children's Group Home.

The following Medicaid State Plan services will receive a legislatively appropriated fee increase effective 7/1/15, with the associated approximate annual total cost: High Risk Pregnant Women TCM, \$1,203; Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs TCM, \$10,733; Adult Mental Health Services, \$365,350; and Substance Use Disorder Services, \$45,716.

Effective 7/1/15, Chiropractic State Plan services will receive a legislatively appropriated fee increase with the associated approximate annual total cost of \$11,569.

The Medicaid Eligibility Marriage SPA allows the State of Montana to recognize same sex marriages for Medicaid eligibility purposes per federal court order.

Effective 7/1/15, The Outpatient Hospital State Plan will be amended to update the website where fee schedules are published to <http://medicaidprovider.mt.gov>.

The Prescribed Drugs State Plan will be amended to clarify that weight gain drugs are covered when medically necessary; to allow over-the-counter steroid nasal sprays and benzoyl peroxide; and to modify the reference of the Drug Use Education (DUE) Concurrent And Retrospective Evaluation (CARE) Board to reflect the current title of Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board.

Effective 7/1/15, the Healthy Montana Kids (HMK) State Plan will be amended to: comply with federal provider credentialing rules, allow per diem and transportation for one adult companion if a child receives covered out-of-town medical services; clarify that organ procurement and transplant related medical services for a living donor are part of the transplant benefit; modifying the reference of the Drug Use Education (DUE) Concurrent And Retrospective Evaluation (CARE) Board to reflect the current title of Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board; clarify that weight gain drugs are covered when medically necessary; allow over-the-counter steroid nasal sprays and benzoyl peroxide; limit paid Therapeutic Youth Group Home Therapeutic Home Leave to 14 days per benefit year; discontinue coverage of naturopathic physician services effective 10/1/15; and eliminate the three month waiting period prior to HMK enrollment for insured children who are otherwise eligible for HMK. These changes have an estimated total cost of \$762,590, due to expected additional HMK enrollment. Changes to the evidence of coverage are posted on <http://hmk.mt.gov>.

Health Care for Health Care Workers program funding will be increased to \$195,000 in SFY 2016 for the purpose of purchasing insurance coverage for up to 50 new workers who are expected to utilize this insurance program in the Personal Assistance and Community First Choice State Plans.

Funding for Direct Care Worker Wages will increase to provide for additional wage or lump sum payments to workers who provide direct care and ancillary services in the following State Plans: Nursing Facility Services, Community First Choice, Personal Assistance and the 1915 (c) Montana Big Sky Waiver. Funding appropriated will provide for up to a \$.25 hourly increase in combined wages and benefits in fiscal year 2016.

On or before 7/31/15, DPHHS will submit a new Primary and Enhanced Care Case Management Programs State Plan Amendment, with no fiscal impact. The amendment moves the state and federal authority for Passport to Health, Health Improvement, Team Care, and the Nurse Line programs authority from our Section 1915(b) Waiver authority to the Medicaid State Plan. This change simplifies administration but has no program impact.

We invite your comments and questions postmarked **by June 12, 2015**. 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.