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To: Montana Health Coalition

From: Mary E. Dalton, State Medicaid Director

Subject: Section 1115 Basic Medicaid Waiver Amendment
Section 1115 Plan First Family Planning Waiver Renewal

We are sending this letter to invite comment from Montana Health Coalition members regarding two requests for approval to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on or before June 30, 2014 for the Section 1115 Basic Medicaid Waiver Amendment and the Section 1115 Plan First Family Planning Waiver Renewal.

The **Section 1115 Basic Medicaid Waiver** amendment submission will include the following changes effective August 1, 2014: add any individuals qualified for the State only Mental Health Services Plan (MHSP) Program as eligible within the enrollment cap; increase the enrollment cap for individuals from "up to 2000" to "up to 6000"; update the eligible diagnosis codes to allow all MHSP Program individuals with severe disabling mental illness; add a random draw with the diagnosis code hierarchy selection of schizophrenia first, bipolar second, major depressive disorder third, and then all remaining diagnosis codes; update the per member per month costs of all the waiver populations; update the amount of money (Maintenance of Effort) the State needs to continue to spend on benefits for the mental health waiver population; update the waiver budget neutrality; revise the waiver draft evaluation design; and update general waiver language. The estimated total three year federal fiscal benefit impact is $92,664,000.

The amended application and public notice details are located on the Department website at http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/. Two public meetings will be held regarding the amendment: 1) WebEx hosted on April 9, 2014, 11:45 a.m., at Riverstone Community Health Center, 123 S 27th St, Bighorn Room, Billings, Montana 59101; and 2) WebEx hosted on April 14, 2014, 3:00 p.m., at the Cogswell Building, 1400 Broadway, Room C205, Helena, Montana 59601. Details to join the meetings by WebEx are found at http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/.

The **Section 1115 Family Planning Waiver** services are limited to family planning services, including family planning office visits, contraceptive supplies, sterilization, laboratory services, testing and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, and delivery of vaccines to prevent sexually transmitted diseases. The current waiver includes about 3,000 women, aged 19-44, able to bear children and not presently pregnant, and not eligible for Medicaid or Medicare. The waiver continues to decrease the number of births paid by Medicaid and improve health outcomes for participants.

The waiver renewal will be for three years and makes the following changes effective January 1, 2015: increases the household income limit from 200% to 211% of the federal poverty level (effective 1/1/14 required by the Affordable Care Act); and allows payments for applicants who have health coverage other than Medicaid or Medicare, for covered services not fully paid by the other health coverage. Plan First does not pay co-pays or deductibles required by the member's other health coverage. The amended application and public notice details are located on the Department website at http://www.dphhs.mt.gov. Two public meetings will be held regarding the renewal: 1) WebEx hosted April 9, 2014, 11:00-11:45 a.m. held at Riverstone Community Health Center, Bighorn Room, 123 S. 27th St, Billings, Montana; and 2) WebEx hosted April 14, 2014, 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the Cogswell Building, Room C205, 1400 Broadway, Helena, Montana. Details to join the meetings by WebEx are found at http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/.

Please contact Mary Eve Kulawik at mkulawik@mt.gov or (406) 444-2584 to submit comments or to discuss **by June 20, 2014**. A meeting will not be scheduled unless a member feels we need to have one. Thank you for your continued commitment to the Medicaid program.