

Newspaper Public Notice

On or before 9/30/15, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services will submit a request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to amend the 0208 Comprehensive Waiver for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities. The Department will also submit notice to CMS of its intent to discontinue the 1037 Supports for Community Living and Working Waiver. Both will have an effective date of 10/1/15.

The 0208 Waiver is designed to provide an individual with a developmental disability a choice of receiving long term care services in a community setting as an alternative to receiving long term care services in an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID). The member must meet ICF/IID level of care and reside in Montana.

The proposed 0208 Waiver amendment increases the number of individuals receiving services in the waiver by reserving capacity for the 30 individuals transitioning from the 1037 Supports for Community Living and Working Waiver; and adding 50 legislatively authorized and appropriated waiver slots for a total of 80 additional waiver slots for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 and 50 additional waiver slots for FY 2017. The total annual fiscal impact is \$2,750,000 for the first year and \$5,500,000 for the second year.

Appendix J of the 0208 Waiver is being amended to reflect cost projections based on increasing the individuals served in the 0208 Waiver and to reflect an approximate 2% provider rate increase approved by the Montana 2015 Legislature. The total annual fiscal impact is \$2,321,654 for FY 2016 and \$4,682,741 for FY 2017.

The 0208 Waiver amendment will also eliminate the Live-In Caregiver service as a waiver service option. This service has been utilized only once during the length of time that it has been a waiver service. Currently no members are using the service. Appendix I is being amended to reflect that the state will no longer reimburse for the rent and food expenses of an unrelated live-in personal caregiver who resides in the same household as the participant. There is no fiscal impact.

As part of the 0208 Waiver amendment submittal to CMS, the Department is submitting the waiver-specific Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) transition plan. The transition plan contains details of how the Department will bring its HCBS waivers into compliance with new CMS settings requirements by March 2019. The transition plan for the 0208 Waiver can be reviewed at: <http://dphhs.mt.gov/dsd/dd>.

Effective 10/1/15, the Department intends to discontinue the 1037 Supports for Community Working and Living Waiver, which has a capacity of 30 members. This waiver is currently serving 12 members. The individuals currently receiving services in this waiver will be given the choice to transition into the 0208 Waiver should they desire to continue to receive waiver services. The services currently available to members in the 1037 Waiver are all available in the 0208 Waiver. The total annual fiscal savings to the 1037 Waiver due to discontinuation is \$600,000. This amount will be added to the 0208 Waiver and is reflected in the fiscal impact figures listed above for the 0208 Waiver.

A public meeting will be held to discuss the 0208 Waiver amendment, transition plan, and the 1037 Waiver discontinuation on 8/26/15, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, at the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, RM 111, 1520 E 6th Ave, Helena, MT. Individuals who

need assistance to participate during this meeting should call 406-444-2695. The public meeting can also be accessed by WebEx at the following link: <https://hhsmt.webex.com>.

Webex Information:

Title: 0208 Waiver Amendment Public Meeting

Date/Time: Wednesday, 8/26/15, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Meeting number: 576 609 943

Meeting password: 0208

To Join by Phone:

1-877-668-4490 Call-in toll-free number (US/Canada)

Access Code: 576 609 943

The 0208 Waiver amendment is available for review at the website:

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/dsd/ddp>. The state, upon request, will make available hard copies of the Waiver amendment and transition plan. Questions or comments can be submitted through 9/3/15, addressed to Stacy Mader, Medicaid Program Officer, at smader@mt.gov, (406) 444-2695, or Developmental Disabilities Program, Box 4210, Helena, MT 59604.