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To: Home and Community Based Waiver Members, Providers, and Stakeholders

From: Mary Dalton, Medicaid State Director *Mary*

Subject: Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Regulation's Setting Requirements and Montana's Transition Plan

This memo is to inform you of the regulations issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on March 17, 2014, defining permissible Home and Community Based (HCB) settings. As part of these regulations, CMS requires states to submit a 'transition plan' of how the State proposes to comply with the new settings requirements.

Please find enclosed an informational summary about the final regulations, as well as Montana's approach to develop a transition plan. You may view a draft of Montana's transition plan at DPHHS's HCB Services transition web site: <http://dphhs.mt.gov/hcbs> and provide public comment by November 10, 2014. The draft transition plan will be available for viewing on October 10, 2014.

A public meeting to discuss this transition plan will be held on October 28, 2014, 9:00 a.m. to noon, at the DPHHS Auditorium, 111 N. Sanders Street, Helena, Montana. Individuals who need assistance to participate during this meeting should call 406-444-2584. The public meeting can also be accessed via webinar. The link is:

<https://hhsmt.webex.com/hhsmt/j.php?MTID=mbb42bd422d2c0842bbcf848e203bb50f>

The call in number and access code are:

Toll free # is 1-877-668-4490

Access code: 579 271 849

If you have further questions on the public comment process or transition activities, please contact Mary Eve Kulawik at mkulawik@mt.gov or 406-444-2584; or via mail to: Mary Eve Kulawik, DPHHS, 111 N. Sanders St., Room 301, PO Box 4210, Helena, MT 59620

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