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

From: Marie Matthews, Medicaid State Director

Subject: Plan First Section 1115 Medicaid Family Planning Waiver Renewal

This memo is to inform you that on or before December 20, 2017, the Department of Public Health and Human Services will submit a revised Plan First Section 1115 Medicaid Family Planning Waiver Renewal/Extension for approval to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, with a proposed effective date of January 1, 2018.

The waiver renewal/extension makes no substantial changes. The current waiver includes about 2,000 women, ages 19-44, able to become pregnant but not presently pregnant, who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid, and earning a household income up to 211% of the federal poverty level. The waiver goals are to decrease the number of births paid for by Medicaid, and improve health outcomes for members. Services are limited to waiver-covered family planning services and supplies. The estimated total annual fiscal impact is \$1.01 million.

The changes made by the new renewal/extension application are as follows:

- 1) The requested length of the renewal/extension is now five (5) years as opposed to the prior three (3) year request;
- 2) More detail has been added to the Interim Evaluation of the Impact of the Demonstration section; and
- 3) Change in format and budget trend rate in the Budget Neutrality Assessment and Projections section.

The proposed changes, waiver benefit description, eligibility and program description, waiver evaluation design with goals/objectives, healthcare delivery system, public meeting details, and public notice schedule are located on the Department website at <http://dphhs.mt.gov/planfirst>.

We invite your comments and questions on the Plan First Waiver renewal postmarked by December 14, 2017. 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.

You will also will have opportunity to officially comment during the federal public comment period after the state submits the waiver renewal.

