

## **5-13-2013 Basic Medicaid Waiver Public Notice**

On or before 6/30/13, the Department of Public Health and Human services will submit the Basic Medicaid Waiver Renewal for approval to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, effective 2/1/14. The current waiver includes about 8,500 able bodied adults under section 1931 and 1925 of the Social Security Act, with incomes at or below 33% of FPL to receive the Basic Medicaid benefit (both a physical and mental health Medicaid benefit), which are full Medicaid benefits except some excluded services. The waiver enables persons with schizophrenia or bipolar disorder to receive Basic Medicaid benefits. The request for the three year renewal submission includes the following changes effective January 1, 2014: include home infusion as a covered service; add major depression as an eligible group; increase the enrollment cap for individuals with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or major depression from “up to 800” to “up to 2000”; update the eligible diagnosis codes for these groups; 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 annual federal/state fiscal benefit impact is \$182,720,766. The current waiver, waiver benefit description, eligibility and program description, cost sharing requirements, waiver evaluation design with goals/objectives, healthcare delivery system, amended application, public notice details, and DPHHS report to the 2013 legislature with historic waiver information are located on the Department website at <http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/waiver/index.shtml>. Two public meetings will be held regarding the amendment: 1) May 23, 2013, 12:45 – 1:15 p.m., Mental Health Oversight Advisory Council, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 3580 N. Benton, Helena, MT 59601 and 2) WebEx hosted on May 24, 2013, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., at 2121 Rosebud Drive, Suite G, Billings, MT 59102. To join the audio portion of the WebEx call 1-877-668-4490, (579858870 access code) and access the internet presentation at <https://hhsmt.webex.com/hhsmt/j.php?ED=230937727&UID=0&PW=NMGMxNWViMmNi&RT=MIM2>. Contact Jo Thompson, PO Box 4210, Helena, MT 59101, 406-444-2584 or at [jthompson@mt.gov](mailto:jthompson@mt.gov) for more information by June 20, 2013.