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Date: May 29, 2013
To: Montana Health Coalition
From: Mary E. Dalton, State Medicaid Director
Subject: Medicaid 1915c Home and Community Based Waiver Services for Adults with Severe Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI) Waiver Amendment and Section 1115 Basic Medicaid Waiver Renewal

We are sending this letter to invite comment from Montana Health Coalition members regarding two Department of Public Health and Human Services Medicaid waiver amendments. Montana is submitting requests for approval to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on or before June 30, 2013 for the Medicaid 1915c Home and Community Based Waiver Services for Adults with Severe Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI) Waiver Amendment and the Section 1115 Basic Medicaid Waiver Renewal.

Effective July 1, 2012, we will submit an amendment to the 1915c Home and Community Based Services for Adults with Severe Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI) Waiver for the following changes: remove the expansion of 30 slots in the Kalispell core site and 10 additional slots in Helena for FY 2014 and 10 additional slots in Kalispell core site in FY 2015. These slots were identified in the waiver but have never been filled. A number of services have not been utilized to the extent originally submitted. Day habilitation, respite care, personal emergency response system, supportive employment, private duty nursing, extended occupational therapy, prevocational services and durable medical equipment services will be decreased to better reflect utilization. The following services will be increased: case management, adult day health, habilitation aid, nutrition, personal assistance, attendant care, homemaker, homemaker chores, transportation and supported living. SDMI waiver providers will also get the estimated up to 2% increase except assisted living SDMI HCBS providers. The existing approved waiver can be viewed at <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/amdd/services/hcbswaiver.shtml>.

The 1115 Basic Medicaid Waiver renewal submission will include the following changes effective February 1, 2014: include home infusion as a covered service; add major depression as an eligible group within the enrollment cap; 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 amended application and public notice details are located on the Department website at <http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/waiver/index.shtml>.

Please contact Jo Thompson at jonthompson@mt.gov or at (406) 444-2584 to submit comments or to discuss **by June 21, 2013**. 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.