

Public Notice

On or before 6/30/14, the Department of Public Health and Human Services will submit the Section 1115 Basic Medicaid Waiver Amendment for approval to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The proposed effective date is 8/1/2014. 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 who receive the Basic Medicaid benefit (both a physical and mental health Medicaid benefit), which excludes a small number of benefits that other Medicaid clients are eligible for. The waiver enables individuals who qualify for the State only Mental Health Services Plan (MHSP) Program to receive Basic Medicaid benefits. The request for the amendment submission includes the following changes proposed effective August 1, 2014: increase the enrollment cap for individuals who qualify for the State only MHSP Program from "up to 2,000" to "up to 6,000"; update the eligible diagnosis codes to allow all MHSP Program individuals with severe disabling mental illness; add a random draw with the diagnosis code hierarchy selection of schizophrenia first, bipolar second, major depressive disorder third, and then all remaining diagnosis codes; 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 fiscal benefit impact is \$92,664,000.

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 history 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) WebEx hosted on April 9, 2014, 11:45 a.m., at Riverstone Community Health Center, 123 S 27th St, Bighorn Room, Billings, MT 59101. To join the audio portion of the WebEx call 1-877-668-4490, (572 029 173 access code and AMDD2014 password) and access the internet presentation at <https://hhsmt.webex.com/hhsmt/j.php?MTID=m8f5edec221428c4efe8234e1c15a9575> and 2) WebEx hosted on April 14, 2014, 3:00 p.m., at Cogswell Building, 1400 Broadway, Room C205, Helena, MT 59601. To join the audio portion of the WebEx call 1-877-668-4490, (573 952 170 access code and AMDD2014 password) and access the internet presentation at <https://hhsmt.webex.com/hhsmt/j.php?MTID=ma9a723d20095fa0d4eca951e7ba53b11>.

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