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Subject: Section 1115 Plan First Revised Waiver Extension/Renewal Request – Repeat of Public Comment Period

Dear Ms. Cash:

Montana formally requests CMS approval of our Section 1115 Plan First Waiver Extension/Renewal. The effective dates of the renewal are June 1, 2018, through December 31, 2022. This extension/renewal is a supplement, with minor changes, to the extension/renewal submitted July 15, 2016. A previous extension/renewal supplement was submitted in December of 2017 but was withdrawn. This supplemental submission greatly expands the public notice documents and repeats the public notice/public input period.

Background

Plan First was initially approved May 30, 2012, through December 31, 2013, and has been extended through December 31, 2017. Plan First services are limited to family planning services, including family planning office visits, contraceptive supplies, sterilization, laboratory services, testing and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, and delivery of vaccines to prevent sexually transmitted diseases. The waiver is capped at 4,000 members and currently includes approximately 1,600 women, aged 19-44, able to bear children and not presently pregnant, and not eligible for Medicaid or Medicare. The waiver continues to decrease the number of births paid by Medicaid and improve health outcomes for participants.

Extension/Renewal Request

The nearly five-year waiver extension/renewal makes no substantial changes. Montana first submitted a three-year extension/renewal application on July 15, 2016. Upon consultation with CMS, Montana decided to alter that application and, in its place, a five-year extension/renewal application using the Section 1115 Fast Track Extension Template for no program changes. Some of the Public Notice requirements were met when the prior three-year extension/renewal application was submitted. Even though that submission was withdrawn, those public notice actions are documented in this template. CMS requested an expansion of the public notice documents and asked that the public comment period be repeated without needing to repeat the public hearings. These additional documents and evidence of repeated public comment period are included in this template.

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Enclosed are the waiver application, public notice requirement documentation, evaluation plan, and budget neutrality for the near five-year period. Please contact Meghan Peel, Program Supervisor, at (406) 444-2768 or mpeel@mt.gov with questions. We look forward to your approval of the Family Planning Waiver Extension/Renewal.

Sincerely,



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