

**Department of Public Health and Human Services**  
**Montana Medicaid**  
**Plan First Medicaid 1115(a) Family Planning Waiver Renewal**  
**Effective January 1, 2015**  
**WebEx Public Meeting**  
**Monday, April 14, 2014 2:00 PM-3:00 PM**  
**Cogswell Building, Room C205, 1400 Broadway, Helena, MT**

**Attendees:** The following DPHHS employees attended this meeting in person: Jo Thompson and Elizabeth LeLacheur from the Health Resource Division, Liz Johnson and A.C. Rothenbuecher from the Public Health and Safety Division, Marcia Armstrong and Becky Corbett from the Addictive and Mental Disorders Division and Mary Eve Kulawik from the Directors Office. Lilia Guillen joined by phone from the Beaverhead County Health Department.

**2:02**            **Welcome and Introductions** - Participants were welcomed and introduced.

**2:04**            **Review Section on Medicaid 1115 waivers and summary of current Family Planning waiver from “The Montana Medicaid Program, Report to the 2013 Legislature”** - Elizabeth LeLacheur read sections of this document, explaining that waivers are exceptions to standard Medicaid rules published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The following items were outlined:

- 1115 Waivers are for experimental, pilot, or demonstration projects. If approved by CMS, they can be used to expand eligibility and services can be limited.
- A brief description of the current waiver, in effect through December 31, 2014 was described.
- The document is posted at <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/planfirst>.

**2:06**            **Plan First Waiver public notice was read by Elizabeth LeLacheur-**

- The waiver application is submitted by 06/30/2014 for an effective waiver span of 01/01/2015-12/31/2017.
- The current waiver includes about 3,000 women, aged 19-44, able to bear children but not presently pregnant, and not eligible for Medicaid.
- The waiver renewal makes the following changes: increases the household income from 200 % to 211% of the federal poverty level; and allows payments for applicants who have health coverage, other than Medicaid, for covered services not fully paid by the other health coverage.
- Waiver Services are limited to family planning services, family planning office visits, contraceptive supplies, sterilization, laboratory services,

testing and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and vaccinations to prevent STDS.

- Waiver documents are posted at <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/planfirst>.

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**Public Comment-Discussion-** Lilia Guillen commented that the Plan First waiver benefits enrollees especially the uninsured. A.C. Rothenbuecher asked about the comment period. Elizabeth LeLacheur explained that it continued through June 20, 2014. A.C. also asked what the current cap was and how could it be raised. Elizabeth LeLacheur explained that while 3,000 members were currently enrolled, the cap is 4,000, and there is not a current plan to increase eligibility.

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**Closing-** After asking for additional comments, participants were notified that additional comments are welcome through June 20, 2014 and may be sent to [elacheur@mt.gov](mailto:elacheur@mt.gov), by phone 406-444-6002, or can be submitted in writing at PO Box 202951, Helena, MT 59620.