



# Department of Public Health and Human Services

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**Steve Bullock, Governor**

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Dear [Name],

The application period for practices to participate in the new nation-wide primary care model, Comprehensive Primary Care Plus (CPC+) is now open and Montana Medicaid is proud to announce their commitment and participation. CPC+ is a five-year primary care medical home model beginning January 2017, that will enable primary care practices to care for their patients the way they believe will deliver the best outcomes, to pay them for achieving results, and improving care. CPC+ is an opportunity for practices of diverse sizes, structures, and ownership who are interested in improved and value-based primary care.

CPC+ is a multi-payer, public-private, collaborative model. Medicare, Montana Medicaid, PacificSource, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana have partnered together, through CPC+ to support primary care practices in Montana. CMS has selected the regions based on payer interest, participation, and coverage.

CPC+ will benefit patients by helping primary care practices:

- Support patients with serious or chronic diseases achieve their health goals;
- Give patients 24-hour access to care and health information;
- Deliver preventive care;
- Engage patients and their families in their own care; and
- Work together with hospitals and other clinicians, including specialists, to provide better-coordinated care.

Practices across Montana may participate in one of two CPC+ tracks. In Track 1, each payer will pay practices a monthly per member per month care management fee in addition to regular fee-for-service payments. In Track 2, practices will receive the monthly fee, as well as hybrid payments to allow greater flexibility in how practices deliver care. Practices in Track 2 will be expected to provide more comprehensive services. To promote high quality and valued care, practices in both tracks will receive performance-based incentive payments.

CPC+ counts as an Advanced Alternative Payment Model (APM) under Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA), would earn providers exemption from the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) reporting requirements through 2024, and qualify them for a 5% APM incentive payment.

**Practices must apply by September 15, 2016**, to be a part of the 5-year project. At any time, practices may choose to drop out of the initiative with 90 days' notice.

For questions about the model, the application process, what other states qualified, and where to apply **TODAY** visit: <http://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/Comprehensive-Primary-Care-Plus> or email [CPCplus@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:CPCplus@cms.hhs.gov).

For specific questions involving Medicaid, please contact Kelley Gobbs at [kgobbs@mt.gov](mailto:kgobbs@mt.gov) or 406-444-1292. Also, more information will be posted at: XXXX

We hope and encourage all of our valued primary care practices will apply as soon as possible for this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelley Gobbs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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