

# Monthly Provider Meeting Policy Updates to Reflect ARM Changes

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**Title: SDMI 002**

**Section: INTRODUCTION**

**Subject: DEFINITIONS**

**Reference: 42 CFR § 441.301, ARM 37.90.403**

**SDMI Application: (01/28/2024)**

**Effective Date: (03/ /2025)**


**Supersedes: SDMI 002 (07/01/2020)**

## SDMI HCBS 002- Definitions

- several definitions were removed, as they were defined in other areas of policy, were duplicative, or were unnecessary to define for purposes of the policy manual
- a couple of new definitions were added, to include: “applicant”, and “enrolled member”
- many definitions contain minor language changes to better and more clearly define the word as it relates to the waiver program and to better align with the waiver application

# SDMI HCBS 004- Provision of Services

- the title of the policy “provision of services” was updated to “services”
- all of the SDMI services remain the same as in the previous policy
- instead of referencing the policy number with the service, the link to the ARM is now included so you are able to access the corresponding ARM through the policy

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**Title: SDMI 005**

**Section: INTRODUCTION**

**Subject: SEVERE AND DISABLING MENTAL ILLNESS  
CRITERIA**

**Reference: 42 CFR § 441.301, ARM 37.90.409**

**SDMI Application: (01/28/2024)**

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**Supersedes: SDMI 005 (08/10/2021)**

## SDMI HCBS 005- Severe and Disabling Mental Illness

- the title of the policy was updated from “Severe and Disabling Mental Illness” to “Severe and Disabling Mental Illness Criteria”
- the title change makes it clearer that this section of policy covers the criteria that needs to be met in order to be potentially eligible for the program
- the information and diagnoses remain the same, the qualifications at the top were broken down to make the policy more clear and easier to read

# SDMI HCBS 105- Eligibility and Selection



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Title: SDMI 105

Section: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Subject: CONSIDERATION FOR PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY  
AND ENROLLMENT SELECTION

Reference: 42 CFR § 441.301, ARM 37.90.410

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- the title of the policy was updated from “Eligibility and Selection” to “Consideration for Program Eligibility and Enrollment Selection”
- the enrollment criteria was updated to add “additional criteria” must be met to include:
  - (i) the case management team determines that the applicant needs at least two SDMI HCBS waiver program services that can only be met through the SDMI HCBS waiver program. One of those services must be case management, and the SDMI HCBS waiver program service of meals cannot be counted as one of the two services; and
  - (ii) the case management team determines that the service providers necessary to deliver the services requested by the applicant are available at the time of enrollment.

# SDMI HCBS 105- Eligibility and Selection Con't.

- the process of being placed on to the waitlist was broken down further, and more clearly outlined
- the waitlist quarterly contact requirement was added to the policy
- situations in which an applicant must be removed from the waitlist were added
- The following addition to the policy is important to note:

An applicant must not remain on the wait list for more than six consecutive months. Exceptions may be made with prior approval from SDMI program staff.

# SDMI HCBS 105- Eligibility and Selection Con't.

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- the reasons why an enrolled member may be removed from the program was expanded and includes several additional reasons for removal to include the following changes:
  - (b) the enrolled member fails to select or does not actively participate in at least two services in the waiver program **within 30 calendar days** from the date the enrolled member agrees to and signs the PCR. The service of meals cannot be counted as one of the two services;
  - (c) the department determines that the enrolled member has failed to utilize or to attempt to utilize at least two waiver services, **in 30 days**, with repeated attempts documented by the case management team to engage the enrolled member;

# SDMI HCBS 105- Eligibility and Selection Con't.

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- The section regarding “Justice Involved Individuals” was removed as this is covered under general Medicaid provider rules.





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**Title: SDMI 115**

**Section: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

**Subject: SELF-DIRECTED SERVICES**

**Reference: 42 CFR § 441.301, ARM 37.90.439**

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**Supersedes: SDMI 115 (07/01/2020)**

## HCBS SDMI 115- Self-Directed Services:

- the definition of the service and determination of need were updated to include the list of services that currently can be self-directed
- ability to self-direct (capacity) and personal representative criteria were moved to the service requirements section, and some of the personal representative information was removed, as does not apply
- removed some of the repetitive language around the training requirements

# HCBS SDMI 115- Self-Directed Services:

- more clearly defined the case management's role and duties related to self-direction



# Severe Disabling Mental Illness SDMI Home and Community Based HCBS Waiver Program

## Montana Medicaid Severe and Disabling Mental Illness 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services Waiver Renewal – Proposed July 1, 2025

- [Tribal Consultation Letter](#) - 02/28/2025
- [MT Health Coalition Memo](#) - 02/28/2025
- [Stakeholder Memo](#) - 02/28/2025
- [Public Notice](#) - 02/28/2025
- [Application for a 1915\(c\) Severe and Disabling Mental Illness Home and Community Based Waiver](#)



# Questions?

