

# Passport to Health 1915(b) Waiver Status and Upcoming Renewal

# Summary of Montana's Current Passport to Health 1915(b) Waiver Programs

**The Passport to Health 1915(b) Waiver includes the following programs:**

- Passport to Health
- Team Care
- Nurse Advice Line
- Tribal Health Improvement

# Passport to Health

**Passport to Health (Passport) is the primary care case management program for Montana Medicaid and HMK *Plus* members.**

- ✓ The Passport program provides case management related services that include locating, coordinating, and monitoring primary healthcare services.
- ✓ Most services must be provided or approved by the member's Passport provider.
- ✓ The Passport provider acts as the front door to Medicaid services for their members.
- ✓ Medicaid members voluntarily choose their Passport provider. If they do not select a provider within 45 days of becoming eligible for Passport, then the member is assigned to a Passport provider.
- ✓ Providers receive a per member per month case management fee of \$3 for members determined categorically eligible for Aged, Blind, Disabled and Medically Frail Medicaid and \$1 for all other Medicaid eligible members enrolled in Passport.

# Team Care

## **Team Care is the restricted services program.**

- ✓ Team Care reduces inappropriate or excessive utilization of healthcare services, including overutilization of hospital emergency rooms for non-emergent care.
- ✓ Members are identified for Team Care through claim reviews, provider referrals, and Drug Utilization Review Board referrals.
- ✓ Medicaid members on Team Care are restricted to one provider and one pharmacy.
- ✓ All Passport rules still apply.
- ✓ Passport providers receive an additional \$3 per member per month for each Team Care member on their caseload.

# Nurse Advice Line

## **Nurse First Advice Line is available 24/7/365**

- ✓ 24/7 nurse advice line that all Medicaid, HMK, and HMK Plus members can call for healthcare questions.
- ✓ Callers are triaged for illness or injury using clinically based algorithms which directs callers to the most appropriate level of care:
  - ✓ self-care,
  - ✓ provider visit, or
  - ✓ emergency department visit.
- ✓ Members can also call to receive health and wellness information.
- ✓ The line is free to all Montana Medicaid, HMK, and HMK Plus members.
- ✓ Members are encouraged to call before seeking treatment.

# Tribal Health Improvement Program

**Tribal Health Improvement Program** is a three-tiered program designed to allow tribes to progress at their own pace dependent on when they believe they are ready to operate at another tier.

- ✓ T-HIP is an opportunity for tribes to build and operate health promotion programs and activities that are relevant to their membership and community.
- ✓ T-HIP is set up with a progressive payment structure for each tier.
  - ✓ **Tier 1** enhances communication and provides intensive coordination of services between the member and their primary care provider. Services provided under Tier 1 seek to improve the health of members who have chronic illnesses or are at risk of developing serious health conditions through intensive care coordination of individual members.
  - ✓ **Tier 2 and 3** have specific focus areas regarding health disparities as defined by each tribe.

# Waiver Renewal

**DPHHS proposes to submit a 1915(b) waiver renewal application with no changes for an expected effective date of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2023.**

- **June 30, 2021: Current Expiration Date of the Waiver.**
  - ✓ DPHHS has requested a 90-day extension from CMS. The extension will provide DPHHS time to make system changes necessary to comply with updated CMS reporting instructions.
- **July 01, 2021: Submission of Waiver Renewal Request.**
  - ✓ DPHHS will request 2 year as-is renewal. Once approved the waiver renewal period is expected to run from 10/01/2021 to 09/30/2023.

# Questions or Comments

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