



**DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC HEALTH &  
HUMAN SERVICES**

**Section 1115 WASP Demonstration Waiver  
Annual Public Forum  
(December 05, 2023)**

**Waiver Summary:**

Waiver for Additional Services and Populations (WASP) is a Montana Medicaid Waiver Program administered by the Department of Public Health and Human Services. WASP is a program that provides supplementary Montana Medicaid services to two separate populations who would otherwise not qualify for the fuller level of service. The current waiver was recently granted a renewal and will be effective until December 31, 2027.

**WASP Populations Covered:**

1. Individuals aged 18 and older, with Severe Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI) but are otherwise ineligible for Medicaid benefits and either:
  - a. Have income 0-138 % of the Federal Poverty Level and are eligible for or enrolled in Medicare; or
  - b. Have income 139-150% of the Federal Poverty Level regardless of Medicare status (they can be covered or not covered by Medicare and be eligible).
2. Individuals determined categorically eligible for Aged, Blind, or Disabled (ABD) for dental treatment services above the \$1,125 State Plan dental treatment cap.

**WASP Covered Services:**

- The MHSP Waiver population receives the Standard Medicaid benefits.
- The categorically eligible for Standard Medicaid ABD population will have their dental treatment services above the \$1,125 State Plan cap covered by the WASP.

**Goal of the WASP:**

The goal of the Waiver for Additional Services and Populations (WASP) Demonstration mirrors the state's Medicaid goal, that is to assure medically necessary medical care is available to all eligible Montanans within available funding resources.

**Participation Enrollment:**

Enrollment for the programs have remained stable in the past year.

- WASP (MHSP) enrollment is at 1,049 members as of September 2023. The WASP allows a maximum of 3,000 (MHSP) enrollees to be served.
- The total number of members categorically eligible for Standard Medicaid ABD population as of September 2023 is 32,707. The dental treatment cap of \$1,125 does not apply to these members.



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**WASP 2022/2023 Updates:**

- The current waiver, WASP, was recently granted a renewal by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) and will be effective until December 31, 2027.
- During the 2023 Montana Legislative Session, Senate Bill 516 was passed and signed into law. The intent of Bill 0516 is to ensure that fertility preservation services for cancer patients are covered by insurance plans in the same manner as other medically necessary care.
- An amendment to WASP requesting the addition of fertility preservation services was sent to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) for approval on October 20, 2023. The waiver amendment submission was accepted by CMS and entered the 30-day Federal Comment Period starting October 26, 2023, and ending on November 25, 2023.
- These fertility preservation services will be available to eligible individuals between the ages of 12 and 35 who have been diagnosed by a physician as having an active cancer diagnosis requiring treatment that may cause a substantial risk of sterility or iatrogenic infertility (infertility caused by cancer treatment).

**Information:**

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