

53-2-215 Annual Report on Section 1115 WASP Demonstration Waiver

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WAIVER FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES AND POPULATIONS (WASP) OVERVIEW

The WASP waiver gives Montana the ability to provide additional Medicaid services to specific populations or provide Medicaid to additional populations.

WASP GOAL

The goal of WASP is to ensure medically necessary care is available to all eligible Montanans within available funding resources.

WASP RENEWAL

On June 30, 2022, Montana submitted a 5-year extension/renewal application and received CMS approval on Nov. 21, 2022. The extension/renewal was approved effective January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2027.

WASP POPULATIONS COVERED

- Individuals aged 18 or older, with Severe Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI), who are otherwise ineligible for Medicaid benefits and either:
 - Have income 0-138% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and are eligible for or enrolled in Medicare; OR
 - Have income 139-150% of the FPL regardless of Medicare status.
- Individuals determined categorically eligible for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) for dental treatment services above the \$1,125 State Plan dental treatment cap.

WASP ENROLLMENT

- WASP allows a maximum of 3,000 (SDMI) enrollees to be served.
- WASP SDMI enrollment is 576 as of August 1, 2025.
- The total number of members categorically eligible for Standard Medicaid ABD as of August 1, 2025, is 22,517. The dental treatment cap of \$1,125 does not apply to these members.

WASP 2024/2025 UPDATES

- A WASP amendment application requesting the addition of fertility preservation services was sent to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) for approval on Oct. 20, 2023, and is still pending review. Once approved, 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).

- In June 2025, CMS updated the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) by providing a Monitoring Redesign Overlay Letter to alter the demonstration monitoring to align with CMS's Section 1115 Demonstration Redesign Initiative. This provides the state with a monitoring report template and updated timeframes for submission.
- The SDMI population under WASP continues to decline, with a decrease of approximately 220 members from 2024 to 2025. The ABD population remains relatively consistent.