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Subject: Request for Renewal
Section 1115 Montana Waiver for Additional Services and Populations

Dear Mr. Fishman:

Montana formally requests CMS approval of our Section 1115 Montana Waiver for Additional Services and Populations Renewal, effective January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2021. The Waiver will continue to: 1) cover individuals age 18 or older, with Severe Disabling Mental Illnesses (SDMI) who qualify for, or are enrolled in the State-financed Mental Health Services Plan (MHSP) to receive Standard Medicaid benefits; 2) cover individuals determined categorically eligible as Aged, Blind, and Disabled (ABD) for dental treatment services above the State Plan annual cap of \$1,125; and 3) provide a 12-month continuous eligibility period for all non-expansion Medicaid-covered individuals whose eligibility is based on modified adjusted gross income (MAGI).

Montana projects that we can sustain the Section 1115 Waiver for Additional Services and Populations through January 2019. The previous federal variance savings are available to cover the federal portion of the current waiver populations and additional services, while maintaining federal budget neutrality. By continuing to cover Montanans under the Section 1115 Waiver for Additional Services and Populations, individuals will receive needed healthcare coverage for 12-month continuous eligibility, which provides continuity of care.

Please contact Mary Eve Kulawik, Medicaid and CHIP State Plan Amendment and Waiver Coordinator at (406) 444-2584 or mkulawik@mt.gov or Holly Mook, Medicaid Waiver Program Officer at (406) 444-6868 or hmook@mt.gov with questions. We look forward to your approval of the Section 1115 Waiver for Additional Services and Populations Renewal.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: 1115 Waiver for Additional Services and Populations Application (redline/final/508 compliant), Budget Neutrality, Draft Evaluation Plan, Proof of Electronic Mailing, Tribal Consultation, Public Notice, Public Notice Schedule, Public Meeting Materials, Montana Health Coalition Memo, and Tribal and Public Comment Summaries.