



Section 1115 WASP Demonstration Waiver Post Award Forum (November 17, 2020)

Waiver for Additional Services and Populations (WASP) is a Montana Medicaid Waiver Program administered by the Department of Public Health and Human Services.

WASP POPULATIONS COVERED:

- 1) Individuals age 18 or older, with Severe Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI) who qualify for or are enrolled in the state-financed Mental Health Services Plan (MHSP), 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) Provide a 12-month continuous eligibility period for all non-expansion Medicaid-covered individuals whose eligibility is based on Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI).
- 3) Individuals determined categorically eligible for Aged, Blind or Disabled (ABD) for dental treatment services above the \$1,125 State Plan dental treatment cap.

What is now the WASP originated 1996 and has undergone many changes in name and function. The current waiver approval expires 12/31/2022.

ENROLLMENT:

Total WASP enrollment at the end of 2019 was 59,493. Total WASP enrollment at the end of September, 2020 was 48,705.

WASP (MHSP) enrollment was approximately 1,283 members at the end of 2019 and nearly 1,079 at the end of September, 2020. The WASP allows a maximum of 3,000 (MHSP) enrollees to be served. With the implementation of Medicaid expansion in January of 2016, many previous WASP members (called Basic Medicaid before the name change) became eligible for Montana Medicaid Expansion.



WASP COVERED SERVICES:

- The MHSP Waiver population receives the Standard Medicaid benefit
- The non-expansion Medicaid-covered individuals whose eligibility is based on MAGI are extended 12-month continuous eligibility for their existing Standard Medicaid benefit
- 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.

WASP 2019/2020 UPDATES:

- A survey of the WASP SDMI population was completed in September of 2019. The results show a positive increase in member experience in SFY 2019 compared to the prior year. Additionally, the results show an overall higher level of satisfaction with services compared to the non-WASP Montana Medicaid population.
- A new evaluation design for the demonstration period 1/1/2018 through 12/31/2022 is currently in development.

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