



Department of Public Health and Human Services

Director's Office ♦ PO Box 4210 ♦ Helena, MT 59620 ♦ (406) 444-5622 ♦ Fax: (406) 444-1970 ♦ www.dphhs.mt.gov

Steve Bullock, Governor

Sheila Hogan, Director

Date: April 2, 2018

To: Montana Health Coalition Members, Ad Hoc Members, and Interested Parties

From: Marie Matthews, Medicaid State Director

Subject: Plan First Section 1115 Medicaid Family Planning Waiver Revised
Renewal/Extension – Repeat of Public Notice Period

This memo is to inform you that on or before May 11, 2018 the Department of Public Health and Human Services will submit a revised Plan First Section 1115 Medicaid Family Planning Waiver Renewal/Extension for approval to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, with a proposed effective date of June 1, 2018. This revised plan was previously submitted in late December of 2017, was withdrawn by the department, and is now subject to a new public comment period before resubmission. The Waiver is currently under temporary extension through May 31, 2018.

The waiver renewal/extension makes no substantial changes. The current waiver includes approximately 1,600 women, ages 19-44, able to become pregnant but not presently pregnant, who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid, and earning a household income up to 211% of the federal poverty level. The waiver goals are to decrease the number of births paid for by Medicaid, and improve health outcomes for members. Services are limited to waiver-covered family planning services and supplies. The estimated total annual fiscal impact is \$530,000.

The changes made by the renewal/extension application are as follows:

- 1) The requested length of the renewal/extension is now near five (5) years as opposed to the prior three (3) year request;
- 2) More detail has been added to the Interim Evaluation of the Impact of the Demonstration section; and
- 3) Change in format and budget trend rate in the Budget Neutrality Assessment and Projections section.

The proposed changes, waiver benefit description, eligibility and program description, waiver evaluation design with goals/objectives, healthcare delivery system, public meeting details, and public notice/public input information are located on the Department website at <http://dphhs.mt.gov/planfirst>.

We invite your comments and questions on the Plan First Waiver renewal/extension postmarked by May 4, 2018. You may direct comments to Mary Eve Kulawik, Medicaid State Plan Amendment and Waiver Coordinator, at (406) 444-2584 or mkulawik@mt.gov; or Director's Office, PO Box 4210, Helena, MT 59604-4210.

You will also have opportunity to officially comment during the federal public comment period after the state submits the waiver renewal/extension.