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FOR THE MAY 2018 MEDICAID 1115 MONTANA PLAN FIRST
FAMILY PLANNING WAIVER REVISED EXTENSION/RENEWAL SUBMISSION:
REPEAT OF PUBLIC NOTICE PERIOD

On or before 05/11/18, the Montana Department of Public Health Human Services (DPHHS) will submit a near 5-year Plan First Section 1115 Medicaid Family Planning Waiver Extension for approval to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) with a proposed effective date of 6/1/18. The waiver extension makes no substantial changes. The current waiver includes about 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 benefit impact is \$530,000.

The Montana DPHHS held an initial public comment period for the Section 1115 Medicaid Family Planning Waiver Extension (submitted 12/31/16) from 10/04/16 through 11/02/16, and also held three public hearings. These hearings were as follows: on 08/26/16, the Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee meeting held in the Capitol Building in Helena, MT; on 10/04/16, a WebEx and public meeting held in the Cogswell Building in Helena, MT; and on 10/05/16, a WebEx and public meeting held in the Yellowstone County Office of Public Assistance in Billings, MT.

As a result of these public input opportunities, the Montana DPHHS received three comments, all of which supported the continuation of the waiver.

The 12/31/16 application submission was found incomplete by CMS. The Montana DPHHS then revised and abbreviated the extension application and resubmitted it on 12/15/17, with progress updates on the goals of the demonstration and a request for a 5-year extension instead of the prior 3-year request. On the instruction of CMS, repetition of the public hearings was not required, but a new public comment period was needed. The public comment period for this revised and abbreviated application was from 11/16/17 through 12/14/17.

As a result of these public input opportunities: the Montana DPHHS received one comment that expressed support of the waiver's extension and she also relayed appreciation for the waiver from the FQHCs around the state.

The 12/15/17 application submission was withdrawn by the Montana DPHHS shortly after submission. A temporary extension of the Montana Plan First section 1115 Family Planning Demonstration was granted by CMS with Special Terms and Conditions and associated expenditure authorities extended through 05/31/18.

The Montana DPHHS will soon request a near 5-year extension, applicable to 06/01/18 through 12/31/22. To provide further transparency in the state's proposed application for the near 5-year Plan First Section 1115 Medicaid Family Planning Waiver Extension, we are providing a third public comment period that provides clarification on the details of this proposed submission to CMS.

Public comments on the Family Planning Waiver Extension must be submitted between 4/2/18 and 5/4/18, to Mary Eve Kulawik, Medicaid State Plan Amendment and Waiver Coordinator, Director's Office, PO Box 4210, Helena MT 59604-4210, or by telephone to (406) 444-2584, or by

electronic mail to mkulawik@mt.gov. You will also have opportunity to officially comment during the federal public comment period after CMS finds the application and public notice requirements met.

The proposed changes, waiver benefit description, eligibility and program description, copayment requirements, waiver evaluation design with goals/objectives, healthcare delivery system, public meeting details, full and abbreviated public notice, and public notice schedule are located on the Department website at the [Plan First Webpage](http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/PlanFirst) (<http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/PlanFirst>).