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Autism Services State Plan Amendment effective October 1, 2019

On or before September 30, 2019, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services will submit the Medicaid Autism Services State Plan Amendment for approval to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Effective October 1, 2019, Autism coverage will be revised to align with the termination of the 1915(b)(4) Autism Waiver. All references to the Comprehensive Evaluation component will be removed. Language will be added to the Provider Qualifications and Billing Requirements section regarding the required state licensure for the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA, BCBA-D) and the Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA). Also, language will be included to indicate that the Family Support Specialist with an Autism Endorsement (FSS-AE) certification will expire after December 31, 2019. This amendment is budget neutral.

We invite your comments and questions postmarked **through August 23, 2019**. 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.