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State Plan Amendments effective July 1, 2021

On or before September 30, 2021, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services will submit the following Medicaid State Plan Amendments for approval to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Effective July 1, 2021, the Community First Choice (CFC) and Personal Care Services (PCS) State Plans propose to implement the following changes:

Funding for Health Care for Health Care Workers will be \$3,411,285 in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022 and SFY 2023 to provide CFC and PCS provider agencies the ability to purchase insurance for direct care workers.

Funding for direct care worker wages will provide for wage or lump sum payments to workers who provide direct care services under the CFC and PCS State Plans. CFC and PCS state plan funding will be \$7,316,015 in SFY 2022 and \$7,429,100 in SFY 2023. The CFC and PCS State Plan Amendments are budget neutral.

We invite your comments and questions postmarked **through July 16, 2021**. 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.