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SDMI Waiver Amendment effective 12/1/18

On October 10, 2018, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) will submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services an amendment to the current 1915(c) HCBS Waiver for Individuals with Severe and Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI) to remove the following services effective December 1, 2018:

- Prevocational services: DPHHS has determined prevocational services provided through waiver Life Coach or Peer Services are underutilized and a duplication of other services available to Medicaid members in vocational rehabilitation programs available in various Montana communities. The expected total annual state and federal fiscal savings is \$2,778.
- Personal Response System, Installation and Testing: This service is provided through Medicaid State Plan and has not been utilized in fiscal year 2018. The expected total annual state and federal fiscal impact is \$0.
- Personal Emergency Response, Rental: This service is provided through Medicaid State Plan. The expected total annual state and federal fiscal savings is \$9,617.
- Personal Emergency Response System, Purchase: This service is provided through Medicaid State Plan and has not been utilized in fiscal year 2018. The expected total annual state and federal fiscal impact is \$0.

The draft 1915(c) HCBS SDMI Waiver amendment is available for review at <http://dphhs.mt.gov/amdd/Mentalhealthservices.aspx>. Hard copies are available upon request. To be considered, comments can be made **by midnight 10/8/18** directly through the website or to Jennifer Fox at jenfox@mt.gov, PO Box 4210, Helena, MT 59604-4210 or at 406-444-4927.