

## **Multiple State Plan Amendments Posted Online for Public Comment June 30, 2026**

On or before August 14, 2026, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) will submit the following Montana Medicaid and Healthy Montana Kids/Children's Health Insurance Program (HMK/CHIP) State Plan Amendments (SPAs) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for approval, with proposed effective dates of July 1, 2026.

### **Subject: Introduction Page SPA-Provider Fee Schedule Updates**

DPHHS proposes routine updates to align Medicaid fee schedules with current Medicare rates and codes, incorporate the latest Medicare relative value units (RVUs), and adopt the applicable conversion factors, provider rates of reimbursement, and policy adjustors. Proposed changes to provider rates that are the subject of this public notice, including rates in fee schedules and rates in provider manuals, can be found at <https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov/proposedfs>.

For most service categories, in the aggregate, these changes are budget-neutral, except for physician services, which are required to receive a provider rate increase under 53-6-125, MCA.

The estimated total fiscal impact for SFY 2027 is \$7,269,713.

### **Subject: Inpatient Hospital, Outpatient Hospital, Outpatient Drug Services, and Clinic SPAs**

DPHHS proposes increasing some Medicaid provider rates and fee schedules. Rates that will be updated are those required by state statute, federal regulation (i.e., Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, Indian Health Services, and Hospice), and rates implemented through a CMS-established fee schedule (i.e., Durable Medical Equipment and Ambulatory Surgery Centers). Proposed changes to provider rates that are the subject of this public notice, including rates in fee schedules and rates in provider manuals, can be found at <https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov/proposedfs>.

### **Subject: Nursing Facility SPA**

DPHHS proposes to amend ARM 37.40.307 to update Medicaid nursing facility reimbursement rates for state fiscal year (SFY) 2027. The proposed amendments set the SFY 2027 flat rate component for Medicaid nursing facility reimbursement at \$287.11, which is the same rate from SFY 2026.

Pursuant to the existing quality component methodology under ARM 37.40.307(2)(b), these facility rates have been calculated based on the total estimated Medicaid bed days for SFY 2027 and each facility's current assigned rating under CMS's Five-Star Rating System.

Proposed nursing facility Medicaid reimbursement rates are posted at:  
<https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov/proposedfs>.

The estimated total fiscal impact for SFY 2027 is \$185,662,590.

**Subject: Preventive Services SPA-Licensed Doula Services**

DPHHS proposes to amend Preventive Services to include licensed doula services as allowed in Senate Bill 319 (SB319). This will allow perinatal doulas licensed through the Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) to provide approved services to eligible members for Medicaid reimbursement. Licensed doula services will include non-clinical physical, emotional, and informational support to members during the approved perinatal period.

The Fiscal impact for SFY2027 is \$456,000 as appropriated by the 2025 Legislative Session.

**Subject: Healthy Montana Kids/Children’s Health Insurance Program (HMK/CHIP) Dental Benefit Changes**

In accordance with federal law, 42 CFR § 457.480, the HMK/CHIP State Plan will be updated to eliminate the \$1,900 dental limit for all claims with a date of service on or after July 1, 2026.

The estimated total fiscal impact for SFY 2027 is \$2,091,397.

DPHHS is committed to an extensive public process. We invite your comments and questions on these state plan amendments, submitted by email or postmarked by **July 30, 2026**. You may direct comments to the Medicaid State Plan Amendment and Waiver Coordinator at (406) 444-2584 or [dphhscomments@mt.gov](mailto:dphhscomments@mt.gov) or the Director’s Office, PO Box 4210, Helena, MT 59620.