

Multiple State Plan Amendments Posted Online for Public Comment November 26, 2025

On or before December 31, 2025, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) will submit the following Montana Medicaid State Plan Amendments (SPAs) for Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval.

Subject: Montana Medicaid State Plan Amendment – Section 1905(a)(29) Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

Proposed Effective Date: October 1, 2025 (retroactively)

DPHHS will submit a request to CMS to amend the state plan authorized under Section 1905(a)(29) Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) of the Social Security Act. The Department is requesting approval to operate the permanent state plan.

The Department proposes to adopt and incorporate permanent funding for Medication Assisted Treatment for both governmental and private providers of physician services, under Section 1905(a)(29) of the Act.

Provision of services will remain unchanged at this time, and providers should adhere to Policy 550 of the Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Provider Manual for Substance Use Disorder and Adult Mental Health.

Subject: Montana Medicaid State Plan Amendment – Ambulance Provider Reimbursement Adjustor (APRA)

Proposed Effective Date: January 1, 2026

DPHHS proposes implementing an Ambulance Provider Reimbursement Adjustor (APRA) to provide supplemental Medicaid payments to eligible ambulance providers. Funds collected by the Ambulance Provider Assessment Fee, established by the State Legislature in 2025 in House Bill 56, will be used as the state share of the supplemental payments. If approved, the total annual estimated fiscal impact of this amendment is \$33,149,713 for 2027 and \$29,810,247 for 2028.

Provider Eligibility

To be eligible, providers must:

- Provide emergency ambulance transportation to Montana Medicaid members.
- Be enrolled as a Montana Medicaid provider for the period claimed.
- Be a privately owned and operated provider (not operated by the U.S. government, a tribe, or any Title 7 municipal entity).

Subject: Updating State Plans to expand High-Risk Pregnant Women (HRPW) Targeted Case Management (TCM) to include Healing and Ending Addiction through Recovery and Treatment (HEART) Initiative population.

Proposed Effective Date: January 1, 2026

The Medicaid and Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) State Plans will be amended to include the additional HEART Initiative population (parent/caregiver with a child zero through five years of age in the home with a Substance Use Disorder/Severe Disabling Mental Illness (SUD/SDMI) diagnosis). In accordance with appropriations established by the Montana State Legislature in 2025, as outlined in House Bill 2, TCM services will be expanded and provided to Medicaid-eligible HRPW or HEART Initiative populations. Coverage timeframe begins in the perinatal period through age five of a child with a SUD/SDMI-diagnosed parent/caregiver in the household. The total annual estimated fiscal impact of this amendment is \$790,567 in FFY 2026 and \$1,106,809 in FFY 2027.

DPHHS is committed to an extensive public process. We invite your comments and questions on these state plan amendments emailed or postmarked **through December 27, 2025**. You may direct comments to the Medicaid State Plan Amendment and Waiver Coordinator at (406) 444-2584 or dphhscomments@mt.gov or the Director's Office, PO Box 4210, Helena, MT 59604-4210.