

# Montana Section 1115 Waiver for Additional Services and Populations (WASP) Demonstration Waiver

## June 2022 Extension/Renewal Submission

Effective Date: January 1, 2023

### BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE DEMONSTRATION

#### WASP Eligibility:

##### Population 1:

- Individuals aged 18 or older, with Severe Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI) who are otherwise ineligible for Medicaid benefits and either:
  - Have income 0-138% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and are eligible for or enrolled in Medicare; or
  - Have income 139-150% of the FPL regardless of Medicare status (they can be covered or not covered by Medicare and be eligible).

##### Population 2:

- Individuals determined categorically eligible for Aged, Blind and/or Disabled (ABD) for dental treatment services above the \$1,125 State Plan dental treatment cap.

#### WASP's Goals:

The goal of the Waiver for Additional Services and Populations (WASP) Demonstration mirrors the state's Medicaid goal, that is to assure medically necessary medical care is available to all eligible Montanans within available funding resources.

The goals of WASP for Population 1, the Mental Health Services Plan (MHSP) population, is threefold. The goals include improving:

- (1) access to mental health care,
- (2) utilization of mental health care, and
- (3) mental health outcomes for individuals age 18 or older, with SDMI who qualify for, or are enrolled in, the Section 1115 WASP by providing coverage to receive Standard Medicaid benefits for mental health services.

The goal of WASP for Population 2, the ABD Dental population, is to provide individuals determined categorically eligible for ABD with dental treatment services above the \$1,125 State Plan dental treatment cap.

#### WASP's Extension/Renewal:

The WASP Waiver is due to expire December 31, 2022. This extension/renewal requests continued authorization through December 31, 2027. The extension/renewal has no substantial changes; and although the waiver MHSP population is limited to 3,000 individuals at any time, the current MHSP enrollment is holding steady at approximately

1,100 members as of the end of 2021. The ABD population has no membership cap.

WASP Benefits:

Population 1:

- MHSP individuals enrolled in WASP are covered under the state's Standard Medicaid benefit package.

Population 2:

- ABD individuals enrolled in WASP are covered for dental treatment services above the \$1,125 State Plan dental treatment cap.

Note: In the waiver authorities due to expire December 31, 2022, a third population receives coverage under the WASP. The non-expansion Medicaid-covered individuals whose eligibility is based on Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) also known as Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives (PCR), by virtue of coverage under the WASP, received the single benefit of 12-month continuous eligibility. This benefit was removed by an amendment submitted September 3, 2021 and approved March 30, 2022, which effectively removed the PCR population from WASP. However, the effective date of this removal commences at the currently unknown date of the federal public health emergency cessation. For the purposes of this extension/renewal application, we will assume the PCR will remain under WASP coverage for this benefit through December 31, 2022. The state requests approval of the demonstration that will include/extend the changes requested in the approval of the September 3, 2021 amendment request.