

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

MAR NOTICE NO. 37-1087

Summary

Repeal of ARM 37.30.2601, 37.30.2605, and 37.30.2608 pertaining to the Vocational Rehabilitation Visual Medical Program

Previous Notice(s) and Hearing Information

On August 23, 2024, the Department of Public Health and Human Services published MAR Notice No. 37-1087 pertaining to the proposed repeal of the above-stated rules at page 2037 of the 2024 Montana Administrative Register, Issue Number 16.

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REPEAL

The department has repealed the following rules as proposed:

37.30.2601 VISUAL MEDICAL PROGRAM: PURPOSES

37.30.2605 VISUAL MEDICAL PROGRAM: SERVICES

37.30.2608 VISUAL MEDICAL PROGRAM: ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Statement of Reasons

The department has considered the comments and testimony received. A summary of the comments received and the department's responses are as follows:

COMMENT #1: One commenter expressed that Montana's Blind and Low Vision Services program (BLVS) is important for people in Montana.

RESPONSE #1: The Department of Public Health and Human Services agrees that BLVS is an important program. BLVS will continue to provide services in Montana. The proposed repeal only repeals rules regarding the Visual Medical Program, which no longer exists and is no longer funded. The services which were provided by the Visual Medical Program are now provided by Medicaid.

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