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**Montana Medicaid State Plan Amendments Changes
effective October 1 and November 1, 2022**

On or before December 31, 2022, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) is submitting the following Medicaid State Plan Amendments (SPAs), effective October 1 and November 1, 2022, to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Effective October 1, 2022, the Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists State Plan and Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment State Plan are being added to the reimbursement Introduction Page. This change will have no fiscal impact.

Effective November 1, 2022, the Healthy Montana Kids (HMK)/Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan removes state exceptions to continuous eligibility. CMS has requested Montana remove the state specific exceptions to continuous eligibility for HMK/CHIP. Currently, as outlined in the Montana CHIP State Plan, if a child is found to have other credible health coverage during the 12-month enrollment period, they will lose coverage. This is no longer permitted by federal rule. The total estimated annual cost of the proposed HMK/CHIP SPA is \$617,418.

We invite your public comments and questions postmarked **through September 17, 2022**. You may direct comments to Mary Eve Kulawik, Medicaid State Plan Amendment and Waiver Coordinator, at (406) 444-2584 or mkulawik@mt.gov; or Director's Office, PO Box 4210, Helena MT 59604-4210.