Monthly Provider Meeting Policy Updates to Reflect ARM Changes

March 24, 2025, 12pm-1pm





Section: INTRODUCTION

Subject: DEFINITIONS

Reference: 42 CFR § 441.301, ARM 37.90.403

SDMI Application: (01/28/2024)

Effective Date: (03/ /2025)

Supersedes: SDMI 002 (07/01/2020)

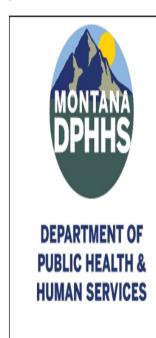
 several definitions were removed, as they were defined in other areas of policy, were duplicative, or were unnecessary to define for purposes of the policy manual

SDMI HCBS 002-Definitions

- a couple of new definitions were added, to include: "applicant", and "enrolled member"
- many definitions contain minor language changes to better and more clearly define the word as it relates to the waiver program and to better align with the waiver application

SDMI HCBS 004- Provision of Services

- the title of the policy "provision of services" was updated to "services"
- all of the SDMI services remain the same as in the previous policy
- instead of referencing the policy number with the service, the link to the ARM is now included so you are able to access the corresponding ARM through the policy



Title: SDMI 004

Section: INTRODUCTION

Subject: SERVICES

Reference: 42 CFR § 441.301, ARM 37.90.402

SDMI Application: (01/28/2024)

Effective Date: (03/ /2025)

Supersedes: SDMI 004 (07/01/2020)



Section: INTRODUCTION

Subject: SEVERE AND DISABLING MENTAL ILLNESS

CRITERIA

Reference: 42 CFR § 441.301, ARM 37.90.409

SDMI Application: (01/28/2024)

Effective Date: (03/ /2025)

Supersedes: SDMI 005 (08/10/2021)

SDMI HCBS 005- Severe and Disabling Mental Illness

 the title of the policy was updated from "Severe and Disabling Mental Illness" to "Severe and Disabling Mental Illness Criteria"

- the title change makes it clearer that this section of policy covers the criteria that needs to be met in order to be potentially eligible for the program
- the information and diagnoses remain the same, the qualifications at the top were broken down to make the policy more clear and easier to read



Section: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Subject: CONSIDERATION FOR PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

AND ENROLLMENT SELECTION

Reference: 42 CFR § 441.301, ARM 37.90.410

SDMI Application: (01/28/2024)

Effective Date: (03/ /2025)

Supersedes: SDMI 105 (07/01/2020)

SDMI HCBS 105- Eligibility and Selection

- the title of the policy was updated from "Eligibility and Selection" to "Consideration for Program Eligibility and Enrollment Selection"
- the enrollment criteria was updated to add "additional criteria" must be met to include:
 - (i) the case management team determines that the applicant needs at least two SDMI HCBS waiver program services that can only be met through the SDMI HCBS waiver program. One of those services must be case management, and the SDMI HCBS waiver program service of meals cannot be counted as one of the two services; and
 - (ii) the case management team determines that the service providers necessary to deliver the services requested by the applicant are available at the time of enrollment.

SDMI HCBS 105-Eligibility and Selection Con't.

- the process of being placed on to the waitlist was broken down further, and more clearly outlined
- the waitlist quarterly contact requirement was added to the policy
- situations in which an applicant must be removed from the waitlist were added
- The following addition to the policy is important to note:

An applicant must not remain on the wait list for more than six consecutive months. Exceptions may be made with prior approval from SDMI program staff.

SDMI HCBS 105- Eligibility and Selection Con't.

- the reasons why an enrolled member may be removed from the program was expanded and includes several additional reasons for removal to include the following changes:
 - (b) the enrolled member fails to select or does not actively participate in at least two services in the waiver program within 30 calendar days from the date the enrolled member agrees to and signs the PCRP. The service of meals cannot be counted as one of the two services;
 - (c) the department determines that the enrolled member has failed to utilize or to attempt to utilize at least two waiver services, **in 30 days**, with repeated attempts documented by the case management team to engage the enrolled member;

SDMI HCBS 105- Eligibility and Selection Con't.

The section regarding "Justice Involved Individuals" was removed as this is covered under general Medicaid provider rules.



Section: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS Subject: SELF-DIRECTED SERVICES

Reference: 42 CFR § 441.301, ARM 37.90.439

SDMI Application: (01/28/2024)

Effective Date: (03/ /2025)

Supersedes: SDMI 115 (07/01/2020)

HCBS SDMI 115-Self-Directed Services:

 the definition of the service and determination of need were updated to include the list of services that currently can be self-directed

- ability to self-direct (capacity) and personal representative criteria were moved to the service requirements section, and some of the personal representative information was removed, as does not apply
- removed some of the repetitive language around the training requirements



HCBS SDMI 115- Self-Directed Services:

 more clearly defined the case management's role and duties related to self-direction



Severe Disabling Mental Illness SDMI Home and Community Based HCBS Waiver Program

Montana Medicaid Severe and Disabling Mental Illness 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services Waiver Renewal – Proposed July 1, 2025

- <u>Tribal Consultation Letter</u> 02/28/2025
- MT Health Coalition Memo 02/28/2025
- Stakeholder Memo 02/28/2025
- Public Notice 02/28/2025
- <u>Application for a 1915(c) Severe and Disabling Mental Illness Home and Community Based Waiver</u>



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