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To: Personal Assistance Service Health Insurance Funding Participant

From: Abby Holm

RE: Health Insurance for Health Care Workers Application 2011 – **Due November 26, 2010**

The 2009 legislator session provided funding for health insurance through the 2010/2011 biennium. The amount your agency is eligible to receive per month for health insurance is detailed on the attached 2011 allocation summary. Your actual monthly allocation amount will be determined based on your 2011 application. In order to remain eligible for the enhanced reimbursement through Medicaid to fund health insurance you must complete the enclosed application and return it by Friday, November 26, 2010. If you are unable to meet the deadline please notify me in writing and include the date you anticipate providing a complete application. If your agency is not interested in participating in the funding initiative please notify me via email or fax ([abholm@mt.gov](mailto:abholm@mt.gov) or (406) 444-7743).

Please note the following:

- Section 2 includes the 2011 insurance benchmarks. This year the maximum monthly premium cost has increased from \$500 to \$550. The employee contribution maximum remains \$25 per month. Thus, your plan's cost, per month, should not exceed \$575.
- At this point, it appears unlikely that additional funding to cover dental insurance will be available. The Department will reimburse agencies that provide dental insurance, so long as the total funding requested for health insurance and dental insurance does not exceed the amount your agency is eligible to receive. Once the application process is complete, the Department will determine if there is additional funding available for dental coverage. If your agency is interested in applying for this potential funding to cover dental please indicate this in section 4 of your application.
- Sections 1, 2 and 5 of the Application must be completed by all providers.
- Section 3 must be completed by agencies requesting approval for a plan that does not meet all of the Department's benchmark standards and/or if the monthly premium exceeds \$575.

The Department must approve your agency's 2011 application before you are eligible to receive funding. A letter of approval will be sent to your agency once your application is approved. The Department will work to provide a timely response. To facilitate this process you are encouraged to submit your application as soon as possible, but no later than the deadlines outlined above.

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