

Medicaid Tribal Consultation

Disaster and Emergency Authorities

Policy Change	Approved Effective Date	State Requested/ Approved End Date	Federal Authority
State Plan Services			
Autism Treatment Due to COVID-19, Montana Medicaid is temporarily removing face-to-face Autism treatment service requirements. All Montana Medicaid Board Certified Behavior Analyst BCBAs will be allowed to provide Autism services in the office setting so long as such services are medically necessary.	March 1, 2020	Duration of the Presidential and Secretarial emergency declarations related to the COVID-19 outbreak (or any renewals)	Disaster Relief State Plan Amendment
COVID-19 Drug Treatment The state will cover COVID-19 drug treatment provided for through Emergency Use Authorization regardless of rebate or language in Supplement to Attachments 3.1-A/B of the Montana Medicaid State Plan that precludes coverage of investigational/experimental treatments.	March 1, 2020	Duration of the Presidential and Secretarial emergency declarations related to the COVID-19 outbreak (or any renewals)	Disaster Relief State Plan Amendment
Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Comprehensive School and Community Treatment (CSCT) Montana schools were closed mid-March and children across the state were transitioned to online learning. Montana is committed to continuing mental health services for children as required in the EPSDT service. CSCT is a bundled EPSDT school based rehabilitative service including: Individual Therapy, Group Therapy, Family Therapy and Community Based Psychiatric Rehabilitation and Support. CSCT reimbursement used the methodology approved through December 31, 2019, through June 30, 2020.	March 1, 2020	June 30, 2020 * * A regular State Plan Amendment has been submitted effective July 1, 2020, and is pending approval with CMS	Disaster Relief State Plan Amendment

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1915(c) Home and Community Based Services Waivers			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Montana Big Sky Home and Community Based Waiver * Montana Home and Community Based Waiver for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities * Montana Behavioral Health Severe Disabling Mental Illness Home and Community Based Services <p>Adds a new type of service provider under Personal Health and Safety Items.</p>	January 27, 2020	Duration of the Presidential and Secretarial emergency declarations related to the COVID-19 outbreak (or any renewals)	Appendix K
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Montana Big Sky Home and Community Based Waiver * Montana Home and Community Based Waiver for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities * Montana Behavioral Health Severe Disabling Mental Illness Home and Community Based Services <p>State settings initial and annual reviews for the HCBS Final Rule will be reviewed through a phone call with the administrator/ director/ owner and outcomes will be addressed via telephone, e-mail or mail. The on-site assessment will be scheduled with the setting when local or facility restrictions allow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Montana Home and Community Based Waiver for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities <p>Specifies that identified providers may be reimbursed for tiered services if daytime staffing does not fall below 50%. Appropriate safeguards for health and safety must exist.</p>	January 27, 2020	Duration of the Presidential and Secretarial emergency declarations related to the COVID-19 outbreak (or any renewals)	Appendix K
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Montana Behavioral Health Severe Disabling Mental Illness Home and Community Based Services <p>In response to member concerns, adds a participant-directed option for Behavioral Intervention Assistant (BIA) and Life Coach, effective July 1, 2020.</p>	<p>Proposed January 27, 2020 *</p> <p>* Pending approval with CMS</p>	Duration of the Presidential and Secretarial emergency declarations related to the COVID-19 outbreak (or any renewals)	Appendix K