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Montana Medicaid State Plan Amendment – Healing and Ending Addiction through Recovery and Treatment (HEART) Re-Entry Targeted Case Management (TCM)

On or before December 31, 2025, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) will submit the following Montana Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA), effective October 1, 2025, for Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval.

Members Served

HEART Re-Entry TCM will serve Medicaid-enrolled individuals who are incarcerated in one of the three state-operated correctional facilities:

- Montana State Prison;
- Montana Women's Prison; and
- Riverside.

Member Eligibility

To be eligible, members must:

- Be 19 years of age or older;
- Meet the federal definition of an inmate of a public institution (42 CFR 435.1010);
- Be enrolled in Montana Medicaid; and
- Meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - Have a diagnosed mental illness with significant functional impairment or a high risk of deterioration; or
 - Have a diagnosed or suspected substance use disorder (SUD), as determined through standardized screening tools (e.g., AUDIT, TCU Drug Screen).

Services Offered

HEART Re-Entry TCM provides individualized case management during the 30 days prior to release or discharge from prison, to ensure continuity of care and a successful return to the community. Services include:

- Conducting health care needs assessment;
- Developing a person-centered re-entry plan;
- Coordinating a medication management plan and ensuring continuity of prescriptions;
- Providing a warm hand-off to a community case manager;
- Linking members to housing, employment, peer support, and community services;
- Making referrals and scheduling follow-up appointments with health and behavioral health providers; and
- Monitoring and follow-up during the re-entry transition.

Provider Requirements

HEART Re-Entry TCM services may be delivered by:

- State-approved and licensed substance use disorder (SUD) facilities;
- Mental health centers; or
- The Montana Department of Corrections, through trained correctional or community-based staff experienced in serving justice-involved individuals.

Proposed Reimbursement:

The Department proposes establishing a rate of \$17.01 per unit for HEART Re-Entry TCM. The intent of reimbursement and service requirements will be outlined in the Medicaid Services Provider Manual for Substance Use Disorder and Adult Mental Health to ensure consistency across providers and alignment with federal and state standards.

We invite your comments and questions on the above SPA postmarked through **October 30, 2025**. You may direct comments to the Medicaid and CHIP State Plan Amendment and Waiver Coordinator at (406) 444-2584 or dphhscomments@mt.gov; or the Director's Office, PO Box 4210, Helena MT 59604-4210.