

Montana Section 1115 Waiver for Additional Services and Populations (WASP) Demonstration Waiver

June 2022 Extension/Renewal Submission

Effective Date: January 1, 2023

EXPLANATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE / PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

On or before April 19, 2022, Montana will publish, in the state's three largest newspapers, an announcement of the Montana Department of Public Health Human Services (DPHHS) planned submission of a 5-year Section 1115 Waiver for Additional Services and Populations (WASP) Medicaid Waiver Extension/Renewal application for approval, to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). This announcement summarizes the current waiver and extends an invitation for the public to review pertinent information posted on the Department [website](#). The announcement further invites public comment, between April 20, 2022 and June 18, 2022 via the contact information listed. Also on or before April 19, 2022, Montana will post, to the Montana Department of Health and Human Services [State Plan Amendment and Waiver Public Notices page](#), an announcement of the Montana Section 1115 WASP June 2022 Extension/Renewal Submission. This announcement will link directly to the [specific WASP webpage](#) where copies of the below public notice documents will be available for review:

- A Public Notice / Public Input Schedule with Public Input accepted April 20, 2022 through June 18, 2022.
- A Brief Summary of the Demonstration
- This explanation of the **Public Notice Process and Public Input Process**:
 - The public has from April 20, 2022 through June 18, 2022 to examine and comment on Montana's WASP Extension/Renewal application.
 - Informative documents are available for review on the [submission webpage](#).
 - Public input is invited, via a Newspaper Public Notice Announcement published in the state's three largest newspapers;
 - Tribes, the Montana Health Coalition and other interested parties are specifically invited to comment;
 - Comments and questions may be directed to the following:
 - By US Mail:
Medicaid June 2022 WASP Waiver Extension/Renewal
Department of Public Health and Human Services, Director's Office
111 North Sanders Street
PO Box 4210
Helena, MT 59604-4210
c/o Mary Eve Kulawik
 - By telephone: (406) 444-2584
 - By electronic mail: dphhscomments@mt.gov
- Text of the Newspaper Public Notice Announcement which is also the Abbreviated Public Notice Document
- A Full Public Notice Document
- An Abbreviated Public Notice Document

- A Tribal Consultation / Indian health providers and Urban Indian Organization letter sent to Montana Tribes, Indian health providers and Urban Indian organizations soliciting comments on the demonstration extension/renewal application;
- A letter sent to the Montana Health Care Coalition soliciting comments on the demonstration extension/renewal application;
- An electronic letter sent to other interested parties soliciting comments on the demonstration extension/renewal application.

At the end of the Public Input Period, Montana will post a summary of comments received and actions taken because of those comments. If the comments received stimulate a change to the Extension/Renewal Application, Montana will post the Preliminary Extension/Renewal Application, including Budget Neutrality projections, with red-line changes, and then also post the finalized version of the Extension/Renewal Application.

You will also have opportunity to officially comment during the federal public comment period after CMS finds the application and public notice requirements met. The location to make these comments can be found on-line at the [CMS website](#).