

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

MAR NOTICE NO. 2025-53.2

Summary

Amendment of ARM 37.85.206 and adoption of NEW RULES 1 through 3 pertaining to Pediatric Complex Care Assistant Services

Previous Notice(s) and Hearing Information

On June 27, 2025, the Department of Public Health and Human Services published MAR Notice No. 2025-53.1 pertaining to the public hearing on the proposed amendment and adoption of the above-stated rules in the 2025 Montana Administrative Register, Issue Number 12.

A hearing was held on July 18, 2025.

Final Rulemaking Action - Effective September 27, 2025

ADOPT AS PROPOSED

The agency has adopted the following rules as proposed:

NEW RULE 1 (37.40.1501) PEDIATRIC COMPLEX CARE ASSISTANT SERVICES, REQUIREMENTS

NEW RULE 2 (37.40.1502) PEDIATRIC COMPLEX CARE ASSISTANT SERVICES, PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS AND ENROLLMENT

NEW RULE 3 (37.40.1503) PEDIATRIC COMPLEX CARE ASSISTANT SERVICES, REIMBURSEMENT

AMEND AS PROPOSED

The agency has amended the following rule as proposed:

37.85.206 SERVICES PROVIDED

Statement of Reasons

The agency has considered the comments and testimony received. A summary of the comments received, and the agency's responses are as follows:

<u>Comment #1</u>: A commenter expressed support for the proposed addition of Pediatric Complex Care Assistant (PCCA) services, particularly for its potential to help fill the gap in service availability for medically complex children. In addition, the commenter expressed their hope that the department will engage stakeholders such as parents and families as this service is implemented and consider waiver implementation in the future.

<u>Response #1</u>: The department thanks the commenter for their support of the proposed rulemaking. The department will continue to work with stakeholders as the services are implemented.

<u>Comment #2</u>: A commenter expressed support for the proposed rulemaking, seeing it as a positive step toward comprehensive care for families with children who have complex medical needs, such as those on ventilators. The commenter also expressed hope that the department will expand these services to include a wider range of conditions in the future. The commenter expressed disappointment that Medicaid Buy-In for Children with Disabilities is not included as part of PCCA services.

<u>Response #2</u>: The department thanks the commenter for their support of the proposed rulemaking. The department will consider as part of potential future rule changes the commenter's suggestions, but notes that under current law PCCA services must be limited to those described under 37-2-603, MCA, and ARM 24.160.501.

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