Montana Section 1115 Waiver for Additional Services and Populations (WASP) Demonstration Waiver
December 2026 Demonstration Extension Application

SUMMARY OF THE PUBLIC NOTICE AND INPUT PROCESS

On September 24, 2026, Montana published a notice in the state's three largest newspapers announcing that the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) plans to submit a five-year extension application for the Section 1115 Waiver for Additional Services and Populations (WASP) Medicaid Waiver to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The notice provides an overview of the current waiver and directs the public to the **WASP webpage** for additional information. It also invites the public to submit comments from September 24, 2026, through November 23, 2026, using the contact information provided.

Additionally, on September 24, 2026, Montana posted a notice on the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) **State Plan Amendment and Waiver Amendment Public Notices webpage** regarding the December 2026 extension application for the Section 1115 Waiver for Additional Services and Populations (WASP). The notice included a direct link to the **WASP webpage**, where the public can review documents and information related to the proposed waiver extension.

This summary of the public notice and input process, which explains:

- The public comment period for Montana's WASP demonstration extension application.
- Where to access supporting documents related to the application.
- Opportunities for the public to provide feedback.
- Invitations for comments from Montana Tribes, the Montana Health Care Coalition, and other interested stakeholders.
- Instructions for submitting comments or questions by mail, fax, or email.
- The text of the newspaper public notice announcement (abbreviated public notice).
- The full public notice document.
- A tribal consultation letter sent to Montana Tribes, Indian health providers, and Urban Indian Organizations requesting comments on the demonstration extension application.
- A letter requesting comments from the Montana Health Care Coalition.
- A letter requesting comments from the Montana Behavioral Health Advisory Council and other stakeholders.
- A letter requesting comments from the Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee of the Montana Legislature.

At the end of the public comment period, Montana will publish a summary of the comments received and any actions taken in response. If public feedback leads to changes in the demonstration extension application, Montana will post a draft version of the application that includes budget neutrality projections and highlights the proposed revisions. A final version of the application submitted to CMS will be posted.

There will be an additional opportunity for the public to provide comments during the federal public comment period after the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) determines that the application and public notice requirements have been met. Information about how to submit comments during this period will be available on the **CMS website**.