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**TO:** Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division  
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**SUBJECT:** Section 1115 Basic Medicaid Waiver Update

Montana's Section 1115 Basic Medicaid Waiver Amendment Extension request was submitted on August 16, 2010, was approved by CMS and effective on December 1, 2010. The amendment continues to provide Basic Medicaid benefits, which excludes most optional Medicaid services, to Able Bodied Adults. The amendment added one population, up to 800 MHSP Waiver individuals who: are qualified for the State only Mental Health Services Plan Program; have schizophrenia or bipolar disorder; are at least 18 years of age; and who are residents of Montana with incomes at or below 150% FPL. A waiver renewal was submitted on June 28, 2013 to CMS and approved effective January 1, 2014. The renewal includes home infusion as a covered service; major depressive disorder as an eligible group, and increases the enrollment cap from "up to 800" to "up to 2000".

On June 30, 2014, the Department submitted a waiver amendment request to CMS. The amendment request includes: increasing the enrollment cap from "up to 2000" to "up to 6000"; and updating the eligible diagnosis codes to allow all MHSP Program individuals with severe disabling mental illness. The amendment has not yet been approved.

In SFY 2013 the waiver served a total of 14,666 individuals, of which 13,746 were Able Bodied Adults and 920 individuals with schizophrenia or bipolar disorder. SFY 2013 total state and federal waiver expenditures were \$52,228,493. Of the total state and federal expenditure, \$7,689,703 was for individuals with schizophrenia or bipolar disorder.

In SFY 2014 the waiver served a total of 19,585 individuals, of which 17,829 were Able Bodied Adults and 1,756 were individuals with schizophrenia, depression, or bipolar disorder. SFY 2014 total state and federal waiver expenditures were \$61,050,299. Of the total state and federal expenditure, \$9,887,617 was for individuals with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, or depression.