

SENATE BILL NO. 30

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BY REQUEST OF THE STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING CERTIFIED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PEER SUPPORT SERVICES TO QUALIFY AS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE MONTANA MEDICAID PROGRAM; EXPANDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND AMENDING SECTION 53-6-101, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 53-6-101, MCA, is amended to read:

**"53-6-101. Montana medicaid program -- authorization of services.** (1) There is a Montana medicaid program established for the purpose of providing necessary medical services to eligible persons who have need for medical assistance. The Montana medicaid program is a joint federal-state program administered under this chapter and in accordance with Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1396, et seq. The department shall administer the Montana medicaid program.

(2) The department and the legislature shall consider the following funding principles when considering changes in medicaid policy that either increase or reduce services:

(a) protecting those persons who are most vulnerable and most in need, as defined by a combination of economic, social, and medical circumstances;

(b) giving preference to the elimination or restoration of an entire medicaid program or service, rather than sacrifice or augment the quality of care for several programs or services through dilution of funding; and

(c) giving priority to services that employ the science of prevention to reduce disability and illness, services that treat life-threatening conditions, and services that support independent or assisted living, including pain management, to reduce the need for acute inpatient or residential care.

(3) Medical assistance provided by the Montana medicaid program includes the following services:

(a) inpatient hospital services;

(b) outpatient hospital services;

(c) other laboratory and x-ray services, including minimum mammography examination as defined in 33-22-132;



- 1 (d) skilled nursing services in long-term care facilities;
- 2 (e) physicians' services;
- 3 (f) nurse specialist services;
- 4 (g) early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment services for persons under 21 years of age,  
5 in accordance with federal regulations and subsection (10)(b);
- 6 (h) ambulatory prenatal care for pregnant women during a presumptive eligibility period, as provided in  
7 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(47) and 42 U.S.C. 1396r-1;
- 8 (i) targeted case management services, as authorized in 42 U.S.C. 1396n(g), for high-risk pregnant  
9 women;
- 10 (j) services that are provided by physician assistants within the scope of their practice and that are  
11 otherwise directly reimbursed as allowed under department rule to an existing provider;
- 12 (k) health services provided under a physician's orders by a public health department;
- 13 (l) federally qualified health center services, as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1396d(l)(2);
- 14 (m) routine patient costs for qualified individuals enrolled in an approved clinical trial for cancer as  
15 provided in 33-22-153; and
- 16 (n) for children 18 years of age and younger, habilitative services as defined in 53-4-1103.
- 17 (4) Medical assistance provided by the Montana medicaid program may, as provided by department rule,  
18 also include the following services:
- 19 (a) medical care or any other type of remedial care recognized under state law, furnished by licensed  
20 practitioners within the scope of their practice as defined by state law;
- 21 (b) home health care services;
- 22 (c) private-duty nursing services;
- 23 (d) dental services;
- 24 (e) physical therapy services;
- 25 (f) mental health center services administered and funded under a state mental health program  
26 authorized under Title 53, chapter 21, part 10;
- 27 (g) clinical social worker services;
- 28 (h) prescribed drugs, dentures, and prosthetic devices;
- 29 (i) prescribed eyeglasses;
- 30 (j) other diagnostic, screening, preventive, rehabilitative, chiropractic, and osteopathic services;

1 (k) inpatient psychiatric hospital services for persons under 21 years of age;  
 2 (l) services of professional counselors licensed under Title 37, chapter 23;  
 3 (m) hospice care, as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1396d(o);  
 4 (n) case management services, as provided in 42 U.S.C. 1396d(a) and 1396n(g), including targeted case  
 5 management services for the mentally ill;  
 6 (o) services of psychologists licensed under Title 37, chapter 17;  
 7 (p) inpatient psychiatric services for persons under 21 years of age, as provided in 42 U.S.C. 1396d(h),  
 8 in a residential treatment facility, as defined in 50-5-101, that is licensed in accordance with 50-5-201;  
 9 (q) services of behavioral health peer support specialists certified under Title 37, chapter 38; and  
 10 ~~(r)~~ any additional medical service or aid allowable under or provided by the federal Social Security  
 11 Act.

12 (5) Services for persons qualifying for medicaid under the medically needy category of assistance, as  
 13 described in 53-6-131, may be more limited in amount, scope, and duration than services provided to others  
 14 qualifying for assistance under the Montana medicaid program. The department is not required to provide all of  
 15 the services listed in subsections (3) and (4) to persons qualifying for medicaid under the medically needy  
 16 category of assistance.

17 (6) In accordance with federal law or waivers of federal law that are granted by the secretary of the U.S.  
 18 department of health and human services, the department may implement limited medicaid benefits, to be known  
 19 as basic medicaid, for adult recipients who are eligible because they are receiving financial assistance, as defined  
 20 in 53-4-201, as the specified caretaker relative of a dependent child under the FAIM project and for all adult  
 21 recipients of medical assistance only who are covered under a group related to a program providing financial  
 22 assistance, as defined in 53-4-201. Basic medicaid benefits consist of all mandatory services listed in subsection  
 23 (3) but may include those optional services listed in subsections (4)(a) through ~~(4)(q)~~ (4)(r) that the department  
 24 in its discretion specifies by rule. The department, in exercising its discretion, may consider the amount of funds  
 25 appropriated by the legislature, whether approval has been received, as provided in 53-1-612, and whether the  
 26 provision of a particular service is commonly covered by private health insurance plans. However, a recipient who  
 27 is pregnant, meets the criteria for disability provided in Title II of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 416, et seq.,  
 28 or is less than 21 years of age is entitled to full medicaid coverage.

29 (7) The department may implement, as provided for in Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C.  
 30 1396, et seq., as may be amended, a program under medicaid for payment of medicare premiums, deductibles,

1 and coinsurance for persons not otherwise eligible for medicaid.

2 (8) (a) The department may set rates for medical and other services provided to recipients of medicaid  
3 and may enter into contracts for delivery of services to individual recipients or groups of recipients.

4 (b) The department shall strive to close gaps in services provided to individuals suffering from mental  
5 illness and co-occurring disorders by doing the following:

6 (i) simplifying administrative rules, payment methods, and contracting processes for providing services  
7 to individuals of different ages, diagnoses, and treatments. Any adjustments to payments must be cost-neutral  
8 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017.

9 (ii) publishing a report on an annual basis that describes the process that a mental health center or  
10 chemical dependency facility, as those terms are defined in 50-5-101, must utilize in order to receive payment  
11 from Montana medicaid for services provided to individuals of different ages, diagnoses, and treatments.

12 (9) The services provided under this part may be only those that are medically necessary and that are  
13 the most efficient and cost-effective.

14 (10) (a) The amount, scope, and duration of services provided under this part must be determined by the  
15 department in accordance with Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1396, et seq., as may be amended.

16 (b) The department shall, with reasonable promptness, provide access to all medically necessary  
17 services prescribed under the early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment benefit, including access  
18 to prescription drugs and durable medical equipment for which the department has not negotiated a rebate.

19 (11) Services, procedures, and items of an experimental or cosmetic nature may not be provided.

20 (12) If available funds are not sufficient to provide medical assistance for all eligible persons, the  
21 department may set priorities to limit, reduce, or otherwise curtail the amount, scope, or duration of the medical  
22 services made available under the Montana medicaid program after taking into consideration the funding  
23 principles set forth in subsection (2)."

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25 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Notification to tribal governments.** The secretary of state shall send a  
26 copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell  
27 Chippewa tribe.

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