

## MONTANA GUIDE TO MEDICAID WAIVERS

The following is a list of Medicaid waivers currently active in the state of Montana. Listed below are the waiver name, federal authority, and a brief description of services offered by each waiver. Montana has three active federal waiver types including 1915(b), 1915(c) and 1115 waivers. A brief description of each waiver type is as follows:

### 1915(B)

These are typically referred to as managed care waivers. These waivers are used by states to provide services through managed care delivery or otherwise limit participant's choice of providers.

There are four 1915(b) waivers:

- (b)(1) Freedom of Choice – allows a state to restrict Medicaid enrollees from receiving services within the managed care network
- (b)(2) Enrollment Broker - utilizes a "central broker", or single provider
- (b)(3) Non-Medicaid Services Waiver - uses cost savings to provide additional services to beneficiaries
- (b)(4) Selective Contracting Waiver - restricts the provider from whom the Medicaid population may obtain services

### 1915(c)

These are typically referred to as Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers. These waivers are used to keep people in community placement as opposed to institutional settings.

### 1115 DEMONSTRATION

These are typically referred to as demonstration waivers. They are intended to allow states to experiment with how best to cover and deliver healthcare for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program recipients. The purpose of these demonstrations is to give states flexibility to design and improve their programs, and evaluate policy approaches such as:

- Expanding eligibility to individuals who are not otherwise Medicaid or CHIP eligible
- Providing services not typically covered by Medicaid
- Using innovative service delivery systems that improve care, increase efficiency, and reduce costs.

## LIST OF MONTANA WAIVERS

### Waiver for Additional Services and Populations (WASP)

1115

Provides health coverage for up to 3,000 waiver mental health service plan (WMHSP) beneficiaries age 18 and older and diagnosed with a severe disabling mental illness (SDMI), and qualify for or are enrolled in the state-financed Mental Health State Plan program. These beneficiaries with SDMI are otherwise ineligible for Medicaid by either having an income above 133 up to and including 150 percent of the FPL, or by having an income at or below 133 percent of the FPL but are eligible for or enrolled in Medicare. Montana provides a full state plan benefit package to WMHSP beneficiaries in the demonstration. Beneficiaries categorically aged, blind, and disabled (ABD) receive unlimited dental treatment services above the state plan's current \$1,125 dental services annual limit.

### Montana Big Sky (Elderly and Physically Disabled)

1915(c)

Provides adult day health, case management, community first choice/personal assistance and specially trained attendant care, day habilitation, homemaker, prevocational services, residential habilitation, respite,

supported employment, audiology, respiratory therapy, financial management services, community supports, community transition, consultative clinical and therapeutic services, consumer goods and services, dietetic services, environmental accessibility adaptations, family training and support, health and wellness, homemaker chore, non-medical transportation, nutrition, occupational therapy, pain and symptom management, personal emergency response systems, physical therapy, post-acute rehabilitation services, private duty nursing, senior companion, specialized child care for medically fragile children, specialized medical equipment and supplies, speech therapy, supported living, vehicle modifications for aged individuals 65- no max age and individuals with physical disabilities and other disabilities ages 0 – 64.

## **Comprehensive Waiver – Developmentally Disabled (0208)**

1915(c)

Provides day supports and activities, homemaker, residential habilitation, respite, supported employment - follow along support, nutritionist services, occupational therapy, physical therapy, private duty nursing, speech therapy, supports brokerage, adult foster support, assisted living, behavioral support services, caregiver training and support, community transition services, companion services, environmental modifications, individual goods and services, meals, personal care, personal emergency response system (PERS), personal supports, psychological evaluation, counseling and consultation services, remote monitoring equipment, remote monitoring, retirement services, specialized medical equipment and supplies, supported employment - co-worker support, supported employment - individual employment support, supported employment - small group employment support, transportation for individuals w/IDD/DD ages 0 - no max age.

## **Severe and Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI)**

1915(c)

Provides adult day health, case management, homemaker, prevocational services, residential habilitation, respite, supported employment, occupational therapy, chore, community transition, companion services, consultative clinical and therapeutic services, dietician/nutrition, environmental accessibility adaptations, habilitation aide, health and wellness, life coach, meals, non-medical transportation, overnight supports, pain and symptom management, peer support, personal assistance service and specially trained attendant care, personal emergency response system, private duty nursing (and registered nurse supervision), specialized medical equipment and supplies, substance use related disorder services for individuals w/mental illness ages 18 - no max age.

## **Montana Plan First**

1115

Provides family planning services to women statewide who are: Montana residents; ages 19 - 44 with income up to and including 211% of the federal poverty level; able to bear children; and not presently pregnant. Some of the services covered include office visits, contraceptive supplies, laboratory services, and testing and treatment of STDs. The program is capped at 4,000 members and currently serves approximately 1,600 women.

## **MT Passport to Health**

1915(b1), 1915(b2), 1915(b4)

Provides primary care case management (PCCM) for Montana Medicaid and Healthy Montana Kids (HMK) *Plus* members. The Passport to Health programs; Health Improvement Program, Team Care and Nurse Advice Line are intended to ensure the appropriate use of Medicaid and HMK *Plus* services by both members and providers.

## **MT Health and Economic Livelihood Partnership (HELP)**

1115

Provides Medicaid coverage for adults ages 19-64, with incomes less than 138% of the federal poverty rate. Services are the same as offered through the Montana State Plan (basic Medicaid) and include 12 months of continuous eligibility.

## Montana Medicaid Waivers

Waiver	Eligibility	Age	Number of participants
Waiver for Additional Services and Populations (WASP)	Individuals with severe disabling mental illness (SDMI) who qualify for or are enrolled in the state-financed Mental Health Services Plan, but are otherwise ineligible for Medicaid benefits and either: Have income 0-138% of the federal poverty level (FPL) and are eligible for or enrolled in Medicare; or Have income 139-150% of the FPL regardless of Medicare status (they can be covered or not covered by Medicare and be eligible).	18+	Up to 3,000 individuals with a SDMI
Montana Plan First	Women who are able to bear children and not presently pregnant with an annual household income up to 211% FPL	19-44	Up to 4,000 women at any given time.
MT Passport to Health	Varies by program	0+	Operated in all 56 counties and involves about 79% of all MT Medicaid members.
Montana Big Sky	Must qualify for Medicaid state plan. Must be 65 or older. Must meet the nursing facility level of care assessment.	0-64	No cap
0208 DD Comprehensive Waiver	Must qualify for Medicaid state plan. Must be diagnosed with a developmental disability.	18+	No cap
Severe Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI)	Must be financially eligible for Medicaid. Must be determined appropriate for HCBS program through a pre-screening process. Must meet the nursing facility level of care assessment. Must reside in an approved waiver county. Must not require inpatient psychiatric services. Must not reside in a hospital, nursing facility, or the Montana State Hospital.	18+	No cap
Health and Economic Livelihood Partnership (HELP)	Adults with incomes less than 138% of the FPL.	Adults 19-64	No cap