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From: Marie Matthews, State Medicaid Director

Subject: Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) spending plan and narrative

This communication is to provide an update of the supplemental payment project and expected next steps.

DPHHS has included supplemental payments in our Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) spending plan and narrative. I am pleased to share that the spending plan has been approved by CMS. You can find a copy of our current HCBS spending plan and narrative and the approval letter at <https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov>.

The next step is for DPHHS to submit an Appendix K to get the spending authority for waiver related supplemental payments and a Disaster and Emergency State Plan Amendment to get the spending authority for Medicaid State Plan services. DPHHS is also working through the operational steps necessary to calculate and issue supplemental payments. It is our hope the Appendix K and SPA approvals from CMS will come rapidly and will align with the completion of the operating tasks.

DPHHS continues to work towards a goal of issuing supplemental payments in the October time frame. DPHHS will update stakeholders and providers on the progress of the supplemental payment project in the coming weeks.

Thank you, Marie