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To: Home and Community Based Providers

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.

Earlier this month DPHHS let providers and stakeholders know that the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) spending plan and narrative was approved by The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). The HCBS spending plan includes supplemental payments to Home and Community Based providers as defined in the spending plan. You can find a copy of our current HCBS spending plan and narrative and the approval letter at <https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov>.

On October 8th, DPHHS submitted an Appendix K to secure the spending authority for waiver related supplemental payments and a Disaster and Emergency State Plan Amendment to secure the spending authority for Medicaid State Plan services. On October 27th, DPHHS received approval of the Appendix K from CMS. You can find a copy of the Appendix K and approval letter at <https://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/MedicaidStatePlanAmendmentPublicNotices>. The Disaster and Emergency State Plan Amendment (SPA) is still pending approval from CMS.

DPHHS continues to work through the steps necessary to determine and issue supplemental payments while waiting for CMS approval of the Disaster and Emergency SPA. Our hope is that CMS approval will occur in the coming weeks and DPHHS will be prepared to issue the first round of payments immediately following approval.

DPHHS will continue to update stakeholders and providers on the progress of the supplemental payment project.

Thank you,

Marie Matthews
State Medicaid Director