

**MONTANA HEALTH ECONOMIC LIVELIHOOD PARTNERSHIP (HELP) SECTION 1115
MEDICAID DEMONSTRATION
FACT SHEET**

Name of Section 1115 Demonstration: Montana Health Economic Livelihood Partnership (HELP) 1115 Demonstration
Waiver Number: 11-W-00300/8
Date Proposal Submitted: September 15, 2015
Date Approved: November 2, 2015
Date Implemented: January 1, 2016
Date Expires: December 31, 2020

BACKGROUND

The state submitted the Montana Health Economic Livelihood Partnership (HELP) 1115 demonstration application on September 15, 2015. This demonstration, along with a section 1915(b)(4) of the Social Security Act selective contracting waiver and state plan amendments, supports implementation of the Health Economic Livelihood Partnership (HELP) Act which was signed into law by Governor Bullock on April 29, 2015. The demonstration will be authorized through December 31, 2020; contingent upon the state providing CMS notification if it would like to continue the demonstration beyond June 30, 2019 (the state's legislative authority currently goes only through June 30, 2019). The demonstration will provide authority for the state to charge premiums and certain copayments to some members of the new adult group with incomes from 50 up to and including 133 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL).

DELIVERY SYSTEM AND BENEFITS

The demonstration does not include any waivers of benefits and does not authorize the delivery system Montana is using to serve the new adult group. The Alternative Benefits Plan (ABP) benefits all individuals receive will be authorized through the Montana state plan and the delivery system (a defined provider network provided through a Third Party Administration (TPA)) is authorized through a 1915(b) waiver.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for the new adult group will be established under the state plan. In order to promote continuity and access to health care, through this demonstration, the state will implement twelve month continuous eligibility for the new adult group.

PREMIUMS AND COST SHARING

The state is authorized to impose monthly premiums equal to 2 percent of household income for all members of the new adult group with incomes from 50 up to and including 133 percent of the FPL who served by the Third Party Administrator authorized under a 1915(b) waiver. Individuals who are not served by the Third Party Administrator (and therefore who are not subject to the premiums and cost sharing in the demonstration) include individuals who are

medically frail, individuals who require continuity of care that is not available through the TPA service delivery system, and individuals who reside in areas not adequately served by the TPA service delivery system. For individuals at or below 100 percent of the FPL, non-payment will not result in disenrollment. Individuals above 100 percent FPL who do not pay premiums may, after a 90 day grace period, be disenrolled. Individuals may reenroll upon payment of the arrears or at the end of the quarter.

The state will also charge copayments to individuals in the demonstration in amounts consistent with Medicaid state plan permissible amounts. Out of pocket expenditures (premiums and copays together) may not exceed 5 percent of household income on a quarterly basis, as is permitted under Medicaid regulation. The state will provide a credit equal to 2 percent of income toward copayments such that out-of-pocket costs for copayments will not begin until a beneficiary's cost sharing exceeds 2 percent of their household income. Additionally, the state will not apply copayments for preventive health services, immunizations, and medically necessary health screenings. The state will define preventive services broadly to include not only primary preventive services but also secondary and tertiary preventive services including services and prescription drugs that are needed to prevent health deterioration for individuals with certain chronic conditions.

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