



MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

September 6, 2023

Ambulance, Audiologist, BCBA, Chemical Dependency, Chiropractor, Dental (Medicaid Only), EPSDT, Hearing Aid, Home Infusion Therapy, Hospital Outpatient, IDTF, Laboratory, LPC, Marriage and Family Therapist, Mental Health Center, Mid-Level, Mobile Imaging Service, Nursing Facility, Nutritionist/Dietician, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Physician, Podiatrist, PRTF, Psychiatrist, Psychologist, Public Health Clinic, Schools CSCT, Social Worker, Speech Pathologist, TCM Mental Health, TCM Non-Mental Health, Therapeutic Foster Care, Therapeutic Group Home, and Transportation Non-Emergency Providers

Effective September 8, 2023

Provider Rate Increases Systematic Adjustments

On June 14, Governor Gianforte signed House Bill 2, which contains \$339 million in rate increases for Medicaid providers over the next two years. The budget delivers historic Medicaid provider rate increases, providing stability to healthcare providers and expanding access to services.

Rate increases are required to be incorporated into administrative rule, per the Montana Administrative Procedure Act. [The Administrative Rule Process includes filing with the Secretary of State, providing notice to the public, holding a public hearing, and allowing public comment before the rules can be finalized.](#)

The Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) has moved as quickly as possible through the established rulemaking process and these rules will be published September 8, 2023. Upon final publication of rules, DPHHS will begin processing mass adjustments on claims impacted by the provider rate increases. The Medicaid claims processing system handles a limited number of mass adjustment claims per week and this process is expected to take several months. DPHHS will organize the claims with a date of service of July 1, 2023 or after to be adjusted. Adjusted claims will show on the provider's remittance advice.

CAHs, RHCs, FQHCs, Inpatient Prospective Payment System Hospitals, CHIP Dentists and MSH are not impacted by the provider rate increase mass adjustments due to their payment methodologies.

Contact and Website Information

If you have questions, please contact:

- Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Division, (406) 444-3964
- Senior Long Term Care Division, (406) 444-4077
- Health Resources Division, (406) 444-4455

For claims questions or additional information, contact Montana Provider Relations at (800) 624-3958 or (406) 442-1837 or email [Montana Provider Relations Helpdesk](#).

Visit the [Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Information website](#) to access your provider type page. Choose Resources by Provider Type in the left-hand menu.