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Montana Health Care Programs Notice

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Effective July 1, 2014

Healthy Montana Kids (HMK)/CHIP Dental Changes

Effective July 1, 2014, the Healthy Montana Kids (HMK)/CHIP dental benefits are changing. The change increases the dental benefits for all eligible HMK children and removes the HMK Extended Dental Program.

- Dental benefits are increasing to \$1,900 for every child enrolled in the HMK/CHIP program. This is an increase of \$488 for every child on HMK/CHIP.
- The dental benefit year is changing to July 1 through June 30 of the following year. The change starts this July 1, 2014. The benefit year will no longer start every October.
- As in previous years, dental services are reimbursed at 85% of billed charges. At the 85% reimbursement rate, the maximum benefit to the dentist is \$1,615 per child each benefit year ($\$1,900 \times .85 = \$1,615$).
- Dental providers may charge families for services exceeding the \$1,900 per child per benefit year.
- The Extended Dental Benefit will no longer be available.

Contact Information

Please contact Gail Moloney or Barb Arnold at 406-444-7045 or 444-7046 if you have questions.

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations at 1-800-624-3958 (toll-free, in/out of state) or 406-442-1837 (Helena) or via e-mail at MTPRHelpdesk@xerox.com.

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