



# MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

August 20, 2020

**Chemical Dependency Center, Licensed Addiction Counselor, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, Mental Health Center, Psychiatrist, Psychologist, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility, and Therapeutic Group Home Providers**

**Effective Immediately**

## **Behavioral Health Grants**

On July 20, 2020, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) Director Sheila Hogan announced \$33 million in new grant funding created in response to the economic challenges faced by the hundreds of Montana behavioral health providers impacted by COVID-19.

Grants are available for the following Montana licensed behavioral health providers: Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurse, Chemical Dependency Center, Certified Behavioral Health Peer Support Specialist, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Licensed Addiction Counselor, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, Mental Health Center, Psychiatrist, Psychologist, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility, and Therapeutic Group Home.

The grants aim to retain existing programs and services, employees, or organizational viability for provision of future services and operations. Each eligible provider may only be awarded one behavioral health grant. Funding is being made available through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

As of August 13<sup>th</sup>, only a small number of behavioral health providers have submitted applications through the portal. [Providers are encouraged to learn more and apply at covidrelief.mt.gov](https://covidrelief.mt.gov).

**Eligible applicants** must meet all the following criteria:

- Montana licensed behavioral health provider that was operating prior to February 15, 2020.
- Demonstrated loss in patient revenues due to COVID-19.

**Maximum Award:** Providers can receive grants up to 8% of their annual Montana behavioral health patient revenues OR demonstrated lost behavioral health patient revenues between March and June 2020 (whichever is the lesser amount).

**Grants can be used for:** Working capital to support payroll, rent, accounts payable and expenses related to shifts in operations in order to retain existing Montana programs and services, retain current employees or retain organizational viability for provision of future services and operations.

**Ineligible expenses include:** Property taxes and capital improvement projects that are not necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

If you have questions on eligibility or how to complete the application, please contact DPHHS at (888) 333-0461.

[If you are experiencing technical difficulties with the application, please contact support@submittable.com.](mailto:support@submittable.com)

## **Contact Information**

[If you have any questions or comments, email COVID19Info@mt.gov.](mailto:COVID19Info@mt.gov)

[For claims questions or additional information, contact Montana Provider Relations at \(800\) 624-3958 or \(406\) 442-1837 or email MTPRHelpdesk@conduent.com.](tel:(800)624-3958)

[Visit the Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Information website at https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov.](https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov)