



MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

December 7, 2020

All Providers

Medicaid Expansion Extended Through December 31, 2021

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has extended Montana's Medicaid Expansion, also known as the HELP Plan, through December 31, 2021.

Due to the pandemic, the federal government needed more time to get the full five-year demonstration approved. This one-year extension allows CMS time to review and approve Montana's waiver application. The Department will continue to work with CMS on approval for the full demonstration period.

In August 2019, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services submitted to CMS a waiver application to make the changes to Montana's Medicaid Expansion Program required by the 2019 Montana Legislature. Montana's Medicaid Expansion Program, also known as HELP, provides healthcare coverage to over 90,000 Montanans. This one-year extension will help those Montanans maintain valuable healthcare coverage during these uncertain times.

[For additional information visit Montana's Medicaid Expansion \(HELP Plan\) website at https://dphhs.mt.gov/helpplan.](https://dphhs.mt.gov/helpplan)