



# MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

July 6, 2021

## All Providers

**Effective July 1, 2021**

### **Adoption Of Temporary Emergency Rule To Allow for COVID-19-Related Regulatory Discretion Beyond The Expiration Of The Governor-Declared State Of Emergency**

The Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) adopted a set of emergency rules to optimize the department's, providers', and other stakeholders' continued response to COVID-19 and ensure access to services and supports as the state transitions out of a state of emergency. [The emergency rule is effective retroactive to July 1, 2021 and can be found in detail at: https://dphhs.mt.gov/administrativerules.](https://dphhs.mt.gov/administrativerules)

#### **Important Information**

Governor Gianforte ended the COVID19 related public health emergency in Montana on June 30, 2021. [Further information regarding the Governor's announcement can be found at: https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor-Gianforte-Ends-State-of-Emergency-in-Montana](https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor-Gianforte-Ends-State-of-Emergency-in-Montana) and on the [Governor's website at https://governor.mt.gov/EO-10-2021-Rescinding-Emergency-Order.pdf.](https://governor.mt.gov/EO-10-2021-Rescinding-Emergency-Order.pdf)

The following authorities are covered in the emergency rule:

- Medicaid coverage until the end of the public health emergency
- Training and staffing flexibilities for providers
- State level facility and settings flexibilities for providers
- Flexibilities granted via appendix K's where they may conflict with existing rules

The following PHE related programs are being discontinued:

- The testing and treatment support for uninsured Montanans

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