



MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

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Home and Community-Based Services Providers

Effective from DOS February 1, 2022 Going Forward

Change in Billing Provider Type for SDMI Waiver Providers

The State of Montana Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Division (BHDDD) is announcing an update in the classification of providers who provide services to members of the Severe and Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI) waiver. Historically, SDMI waiver providers have been classified with the same provider type as providers for the Big Sky Waiver.

In order to more accurately report waiver activities to the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and to more efficiently assist with provider questions, BHDDD is issuing all current providers who offer SDMI waiver services with a new provider type. This provider type will be in addition to their existing type(s).

With the new provider type, providers will need to also use a new modifier (HD) in place of the current modifier (UA). New service referrals are not necessary.

What Action Is Required?

SDMI providers who do not currently have a National Provider Identifier (NPI) number will be required to obtain one. The sign-up process takes about one hour and can be completed in more than one sitting. Detailed instructions are found at [How to apply for an NPI online \(hhs.gov\)](https://hhs.gov).

SDMI providers will also be required to bill using their new PID for SDMI and **use the new HD modifier on all SDMI waiver claims for all dates of service (DOS) from February 1, 2022 going forward**. Providers will receive a mailed notice of their new PID number in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your cooperation and for the invaluable services that you provide to Montanans.

Contact Information

If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Fox, SDMI Program Officer, at (406) 444-4927 or jenfox@mt.gov.

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

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