



# MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

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## All Providers

**Effective Immediately**

**Revised**

## Medicaid Reimbursement and Court Ordered Services

### Montana Medicaid Reimbursement

Montana Healthcare Programs, including behavioral health and laboratory services, have services requirements that include medical necessity criteria. In accordance with Administrative Rules of Montana ([ARM](#)) [37.85.410 Determination of Medical Necessity](#), the Department shall only make payment for those services which are medically necessary as determined by the Department or by the designated review organization.

### Court Ordered Services

As stated in the [BHDD Medicaid Services Provider Manual \(mt.gov\)](#), Policy 001 Purpose: A member who is court ordered into services, or is otherwise required to receive services, must still meet the requirements for prior authorization and medical necessity criteria for Montana Medicaid reimbursement.

A member who is court ordered to obtain behavioral health services or laboratory testing may not meet the medical necessity criteria and a court order for such services does not indicate that a member meets the prior authorization and medical necessity criteria. Court ordered services that are provided to Medicaid members who do not meet the medical necessity criteria are not eligible for reimbursement.

## Contact and Website Information

If you have questions, please contact Ashley Bair, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Division, at (406) 444-3964 or [Ashley.Bair@mt.gov](mailto:Ashley.Bair@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](#).

Visit the [Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Information website](#) to access your provider type page. Choose Resources by Provider Type in the left-hand menu.