

Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Notice June 28, 2024

All Providers (Except Hospice and DDP)

January 1, 2024 and July 1, 2024 Fee Schedule Updates

On June 14, 2023, Governor Gianforte signed House Bill 2, which contains \$339 million in rate increases for Medicaid providers over the 2025 biennium. The budget delivers historic Medicaid provider rate increases, providing stability to healthcare providers and expanding access to services.

The Montana Administrative Procedure Act requires incorporation of Medicaid rate changes into administrative rules. The <u>Administrative Rule Process</u> includes:

- Filing with the Secretary of State.
- Providing notice to the public.
- Holding a public hearing.
- Allowing public comment.

On May 24, 2024, the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) published Montana Administrative Register (MAR) Notice number 37-1067, which proposes numerous fee schedules effective January 1, 2024, and July 1, 2024. The public can review MAR Notice No. 37-1067 under the PHHS Administrative Rules website.

The public can review the proposed January 1, 2024 and July 1, 2024 fee schedules on the <u>Medicaid Provider Proposed Fee Schedule page</u>. The Department will reimburse providers based on these proposed fee schedules effective July 1, 2024.

While public comment on MAR Notice 37-1067 remains open, the Department is on track to incorporate the July 1, 2024, proposed fee schedule updates into the claims processing system before July 1. Since rates will be updated in the MMIS by July 1, subsequent claims adjustments will not be needed. The Department will review and respond accordingly to all public comment received through the rule making process.

The Department will process mass adjustments on claims impacted by January 1, 2024 fee schedule updates in the coming weeks. Adjusted claims will show on a provider's remittance advice.

Contact and Website Information

If you have questions, please contact:

- Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Division, (406) 444-3964 or (406) 444-5978
- Senior Long-Term Care Division, (406) 444-4077
- Health Resources Division, (406) 444-4455

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 <u>Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Information website</u> to access your provider type page. Choose Resources by Provider Type in the left-hand menu.

Visit the Contact Us page on the Provider Information website for additional DPHHS contact numbers.