

Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Notice June 28, 2024

Developmental Disabilities Program (DDP)

July 1, 2024 Developmental Disabilities Program 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 Administrative Rule Process includes:

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

On June 6, 2024, the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) published Montana Administrative Register (MAR) Notice number 37-1092, which proposes an updated fee schedule effective July 1, 2024. The public can review MAR Notice No. 37-1092 under the Proposal Notices sections on the DPHHS Administrative Rules website.

The public can review the proposed July 1, 2024 fee schedule on the <u>DDP Rates Information page</u>. The Department will reimburse providers based on the proposed fee schedule effective July 1, 2024.

While public comment on MAR Notice 37-1092 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. Because 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.

Contact and Website Information

If you have questions, please contact the Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Division at (406) 444-2995.

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.