



Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Notice

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Informational

Indian Health Service (IHS) and Tribal 638 Providers

Licensed Addiction Counselor Candidates Enrollment Change

Montana Medicaid will require in-training licensed addiction counselor (LAC) candidates to enroll in Medicaid going forward. Eligible Medicaid services provided by in-training LAC candidates will need to be billed with the candidate as the rendering.

In-training LAC candidates can only enroll as a rendering provider and the enrollment application will be marked as **Provisional** in the Provider Services Portal during the approval process. Candidates will enroll as an LAC with taxonomy 101YA0400X Behavioral Health & Social Service Providers, Counselor, Addiction (Substance Use Disorder), and their current candidate license.

Once a candidate receives full licensure, they will be required to upload the new license information to maintain their rendering provider enrollment.

Contact and Website Information

If you have questions, please contact the IHS/Tribal 638 Program Officer at (406) 444-1292.

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.

Visit the [Contact Us page](#) on the Provider Information website for additional DPHHS contact numbers.