



# Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Notice

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**Effective July 01, 2026**

**Announcement**

**Dentist, Denturist, Dental Hygienist, Oral Surgeons**

## **Healthy Montana Kids/Children's Health Insurance Program (HMK/CHIP) Annual Dental Limit Elimination**

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2026, Healthy Montana Kids/Children's Health Insurance Program (HMK/CHIP) members will no longer be subject to the annual \$1,615 dental service limit. This change aligns with the HMK/CHIP program with 42 CFR 457.480, which prohibits aggregate annual or lifetime dollar limitations on covered medical or dental services within Children's Health Insurance Programs.

**Covered Services:** Covered dental services remain limited to the dental procedures listed on the current HMK Dental Covered Code list.

**Reimbursement:** Covered dental services will continue to be reimbursed at 85% of billed charges.

**Dental Implants:** Dental implants remain a covered benefit and continue to require prior authorization. All authorization requests must include documentation demonstrating the medical necessity for dental implants. Requests must be submitted to Mountain Pacific, the Department's utilization review contractor, through the [Qualitrac Portal](#).

**Private Pay Agreements:** With the removal of the annual dental limit, there are few instances in which a provider can enter into a private-pay agreement with a member. Please refer to the [Administrative Rules of Montana \(ARM\) 37.85.406\(10\)](#) for additional information on specific situations under which a member may be charged for services.

**Administrative Rule Update:** A corresponding Administrative Rule amendment is in progress to implement this policy change. The Department maintains an interested persons list to notify stakeholders of rulemaking activity. Individuals may request to be added to the list by submitting their name, email address, mailing address, and the program(s) for which they wish to receive notifications to: [hhsadminrules@mt.gov](mailto:hhsadminrules@mt.gov). Notices will be sent by email unless a mailing preference is requested.

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## **Contact and Website Information**

If you have questions, please contact Lynea Linz, Dental Program Officer, at (406) 444-3182 or email [HHSMedicaidDental@mt.gov](mailto:HHSMedicaidDental@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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