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# Waivers for Additional Services and Populations



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# AGENDA

- WASP Waiver Background
- How does the WASP Waiver Work?
- How Can I Help a Client Apply?
- What's Next?



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# WASP Waiver Background

- WASP started in 1996 as the Families Achieving Independence in Montana (FAIM).
- WASP became formal in 2016 with minimal changes since.
- WASP is a 1115 waiver.
- WASP is currently approved by CMS to continue through To December 2027.
- WASP's purpose is to provide standard Medicaid to individuals with an SDMI and increase expenditures for dental services to aged, blind and disabled adults.
- WASP is allowed to have 3,000 slots open.
- WASP has a 12-month continuous eligibility period.

# How does the WASP waiver work?



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# WASP Requirements

- Individuals must have an SDMI as defined in Policy 105 of the Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Division policy manual.
- If an individual has a diagnosis of schizophrenia or has had 30 days of continued hospitalization at the Montana State Hospital, they are automatically clinically eligible. If an individual has any other diagnosis from Category 1 or Category 2, they are required to have a state plan Level of Impairment form.
- Individuals must have an income at or below 150% of the federal poverty level (FPL) using modified adjusted gross income (MAGI)
- Individuals may apply if they have Medicare. WASP Requirements
- Individuals on a state plan that is identified as aged, blind, and disabled (ABD) may automatically utilize WASP fundings to cover dental expenses beyond Medicaid's traditional \$1,125 dental expenditure limit



# WASP Required Documents

- WASP waiver checklist
- Medicaid Enrollment form
- WASP Clinical Eligibility Form
- Level of Impairment (LOI) form (if client has Level 2 or Level 3 SDMI)
- Application Checklist
- Income documentation



# How Can I Help a Client Apply

- Provide required documents for client to assist in completing required forms.

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/BHDD/mentalhealthservices/MHSP/index>

- Have clinician to complete clinical eligibility and Level of Impairment form through a comprehensive mental health assessment.
- Clinicians are defined in MCA 27-1-1101:
  - 1. Physician
  - 2. LCPC
  - 3. Psychologist
  - 4. LCSW
  - Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
- Return all documents to BHDD through Montana File Transfer Service or Fax to:  
Fax: 1-406-444-7391 or 1-406-444-4435  
Email: **HHSBHDDWASPWaiverApps.mt.gov**  
Address: Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Division, PO Box 202905, Helena MT 59620-2905

# What Happens Next?

## **BHDD**

- WASP waiver manager will evaluate all application forms to determine that all documentation requirements are met.
- WASP waiver manager will evaluate clinical forms to ensure that client does meet clinical eligibility.
- WASP waiver manager will send Medicaid documents and clinical approval to OPA for financial evaluation.

## **OPA**

- OPA will evaluate financial eligibility for WASP waiver.
- With the clinical approval form and if client meets financial requirements, OPA will establish Medicaid account for client.





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# Thank You



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