



MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

September 12, 2023

Chemical Dependency Providers

Effective July 1, 2022

Clarification Regarding Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMDs) Under the HEART Waiver

On July 1, 2022, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved Montana’s application for a Section 1115(a) demonstration titled Healing and Ending Addiction through Recovery and Treatment (HEART).

Approval of this demonstration enabled the state to receive federal financial participation for state plan services provided to otherwise-eligible Medicaid beneficiaries ages 18 to 64 receiving treatment services for a substance use disorder (SUD) while residing in residential or inpatient settings that qualify as IMDs (residential or inpatient treatment facilities that have 16 or more beds).

Services provided in ASAM Level 3 Residential and Inpatient settings, which are either clinically managed or medically monitored services, are provided in appropriately licensed facilities. For short-term residential or inpatient SUD treatment in ASAM Level 3 settings that meet the definition of an IMD, stays will be limited to an average length of stay of 30 days under the HEART waiver in accordance with federal guidance.

Contact and Website Information

If you have questions, please contact Ashley Bair, Behavioral Health, and Developmental Disabilities Division, at (406) 202-9451 or Ashley.Bair@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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