




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Steve Bullock, Governor

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DATE: May 4, 2017  
TO: Children's Autism Waiver Recipients  
FROM: Novelene Martin,   
Bureau Chief  
Developmental Disabilities Program

Greetings,

This letter is being sent to you to inform you of developments in the Children's Autism Waiver administered by the Developmental Disabilities Program of the Department of Public Health and Human Services.

The State of Montana has received approval for renewal of the Children's Autism Waiver from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). This approval does, however come with some changes of which you need to be aware.

CMS required the State to remove the following services from the Children's Autism Waiver: Adaptive Equipment, Children's Autism Training, and Program Design and Monitoring. These services are available under the Medicaid state plan. The discontinuation of these services is effective July 1, 2017.

Additionally, the State is required to impose the following limitations: Waiver Children's Case Management is limited to 345 units annually. A unit for this service is 15 minutes, so the maximum amount available for this service is slightly under \$6000 per year. Environmental Modifications, Individual Goods and Services (IGS), Respite, and Transportation have also had limitations imposed. The maximum amount allowed for these services combined is \$4000 annually. IGS is further limited to a maximum of \$2000 per year. These changes are also effective July 1, 2017.

You are invited to join us in a webinar during which these changes and developments in the State Plan for services to individuals with autism will be presented. Internet service is required to access the webinar. If you have questions, and are not able to participate in the webinar, please contact: Carla Rime, Medicaid Program Officer via email at: [CRime2@mt.gov](mailto:CRime2@mt.gov) or by calling 406-444-6047.

## Children's Autism Waiver Update Webinar: Thursday, May 11, 2017, 10:00 AM-10:30AM

The link to the Webinar is available on the DDP website (<http://dphhs.mt.gov/dsd/developmentaldisabilities>) in the left-hand column under Autism Information. Meeting number (access code): 809 073 155 Meeting password: 5662, or Join by phone: 1-408-792-6300 Call-in toll number (US/Canada)