

1 \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING MEDICAID LAWS TO REDUCE OR  
5 ELIMINATE WAITING LISTS FOR COVERED SERVICES; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT  
6 INITIATIVES TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE WAITING LISTS; PRIORITIZING THE REDUCTION OR  
7 ELIMINATION OF WAITING LISTS FOR CERTAIN SERVICES; ESTABLISHING REPORTING  
8 REQUIREMENTS; AND PROVIDING A DEFINITION."

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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12 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Eliminate or reduce waiting lists for covered services.** (1) The  
13 department shall implement administrative, programmatic, and funding initiatives to reduce or eliminate waiting  
14 lists for services covered under the Montana medicaid program.

15 (2) Initiatives may include:

16 (a) applying for medicaid waivers, amendments to existing medicaid waivers, or state plan  
17 amendments;

18 (b) recalculating reimbursement rates;

19 (c) providing add-on rates for services with waiting lists; and

20 (d) any additional initiatives that comply with federal policy.

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22 (3) The department shall prioritize the reduction or elimination of waiting lists for the following types  
23 of services:

24 (a) senior and long-term care;

25 (b) behavioral health;

26 (c) dental services;

27 (d) family education and support services; and

28 (e) home-based and community-based services provided through the developmental disabilities

1 program's 0208 medicaid waiver.

2 (4) The department shall provide an annual report to the legislature, in accordance with 5-11-210,  
3 detailing:

4 (a) each waiting list for a covered service, including the number of people on the waiting list each  
5 month;

6 (b) efforts underway by the department to reduce or eliminate the waiting list; and

7 (c) the date the department expects the waiting list to be eliminated.

8 (5) For the purposes of this section, "waiting list" means a list of persons enrolled or presumptively  
9 enrolled in the Montana medicaid program who are eligible for a service but cannot receive that service in 90 or  
10 fewer days due to a lack of funding, available providers, enrollment slots, or other service supply issues.

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12 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an  
13 integral part of Title 53, chapter 6, and the provisions of Title 53, chapter 6, apply to [section 1].

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