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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MEDICAID COMMUNITY ASSISTER PORTAL; PROVIDING FOR REQUIRED AND OPTIONAL PORTAL SERVICES; AND PROVIDING A DEFINITION.

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

**Section 1. Medicaid community assister portal.** (1) By May 1, 2026, the department shall establish an online portal that allows a community assister to help an applicant or enrollee who seeks assistance from that community assister to apply for medicaid coverage and to submit required documents.

- (2) The online portal must allow a community assister to:
- (a) review the status of a medicaid application or redetermination;
- (b) view notices from the department to the applicant or enrollee;
- (c) report a change in an applicant or enrollee's eligibility status;
- (d) view actions required by the applicant or enrollee; and
- (e) update the applicant or enrollee's contact information.
- (3) The online portal may allow a community assister to:
- (a) submit an application for initial coverage or redetermination on behalf of the applicant or enrollee; or
  - (b) upload verification documents for the applicant or enrollee.
- (4) The online portal must allow a medicaid applicant or enrollee to designate one or more community assisters to help the applicant or enrollee with the activities prescribed under subsection (2) and allowed under subsection (3).
- (5) For the purposes of this section, "community assister" means a person or organization who helps individuals apply for health coverage under the Montana medicaid program established in 53-6-101.



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

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I hereby certify that the within bill,	
HB 601, originated in the House.	
Chief Clerk of the House	
Speaker of the House	
Signed this	day
of	, 2025
President of the Senate	
Signed this	day
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