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Marie Matthews, Medicaid & CHIP Director
Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services
P.O. Box 4210
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Dear Ms. Matthews:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number MT-18-0024. This amendment implements a limit to the Optometrists' services benefit of exam examinations for determination of refractive state. Members age 21 and over will be limited to one exam per 730-day period. Members age 20 and under will be eligible for an eye exam once every 365-day period. Limits can be exceeded if determined to be medically necessary.

Please be informed that this State Plan Amendment was approved today, with an effective date of March 1, 2018. We are enclosing the summary page and the amended plan page(s).

In order to track expenditures associated with this amendment, Montana should follow the CMS -64 reporting instructions outlined in Section 2500 of the State Medicaid Manual (SMM).

For those individuals whose expenditures qualify for the newly eligible federal medical assistance percentage report on the Form CMS-64.9 VIII Waiver, those not enrolled in the new adult group, claims should be reported on the Form CMS-64.9 Base.

For Optometric Services, the expenditures should be reported on Line 9A – Other Practitioners Services – Reg Payments.

If you have any questions regarding this SPA please contact Barbara Prehmus at (303) 844-7472.

Sincerely,



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