

On December 8, 2005, from 3 to 4 p.m., the Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee will be holding a public hearing via conference call to receive the Department of Public Health and Human Service's presentation regarding the Section 1115 waiver proposal, also known as the "HIFA waiver" pursuant to Senate Bill No. 110. The department will also present a summary of the public comment received over the past two months in regards to the waiver.

Agenda

December 8, 2005

3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The conference call will originate from Room 137 in the State Capitol, Helena.

3:00 p.m. Waiver proposal presentation, Jeff Buska and John Chappuis, DPHHS

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4:00 p.m. Adjourn

The conference call will be audiostreamed live from 3-4 p.m. via the legislative website:

Go to <http://leg.mt.gov/css/Video-and-Audio/archives/av.asp> and click on the "Children and

Families Interim Committee" link (available December 8) or the public is welcome to attend at Room 137 in the State Capitol in Helena.

Senate Bill No. 110 (Ch.350 , L. 2005) authorized the Department of Public Health and Human Services to pursue waivers of the Medicaid program through amendment, extension, or revision of demonstration projects. SB 110 states that:

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the children, families, health, and human services interim committee for review and comment at a public hearing prior to the submission of the proposal to the federal government for formal approval and shall also present the section 1115 waiver after final approval from the federal government."

The department has posted the Waiver Concept Paper and other materials on their website at:

<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/hifa/medicaidwaiverproposal.shtml>

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