

Access and Affordability Programs for Under and Uninsured Montanans



VIRTUAL COVER MONTANA SUMMIT

October 23 – 24, 2025

Friday, October 24th: 8:30am - 1pm

The State of Montana Medicaid

8:30am - 9:30am

Access and Affordability Programs for
the Under and Uninsured

9:45am - 11:15am

Learn about the programs and services available to
Montanans including the Ryan White Program, the
Montana Breast and Cervical Cancer Program, Montana
Family Planning, prescription drug affordability
programs, and more.

MAGI Medicaid 101 & Tips and Tricks
Beyond the Application

11:30am - 1pm

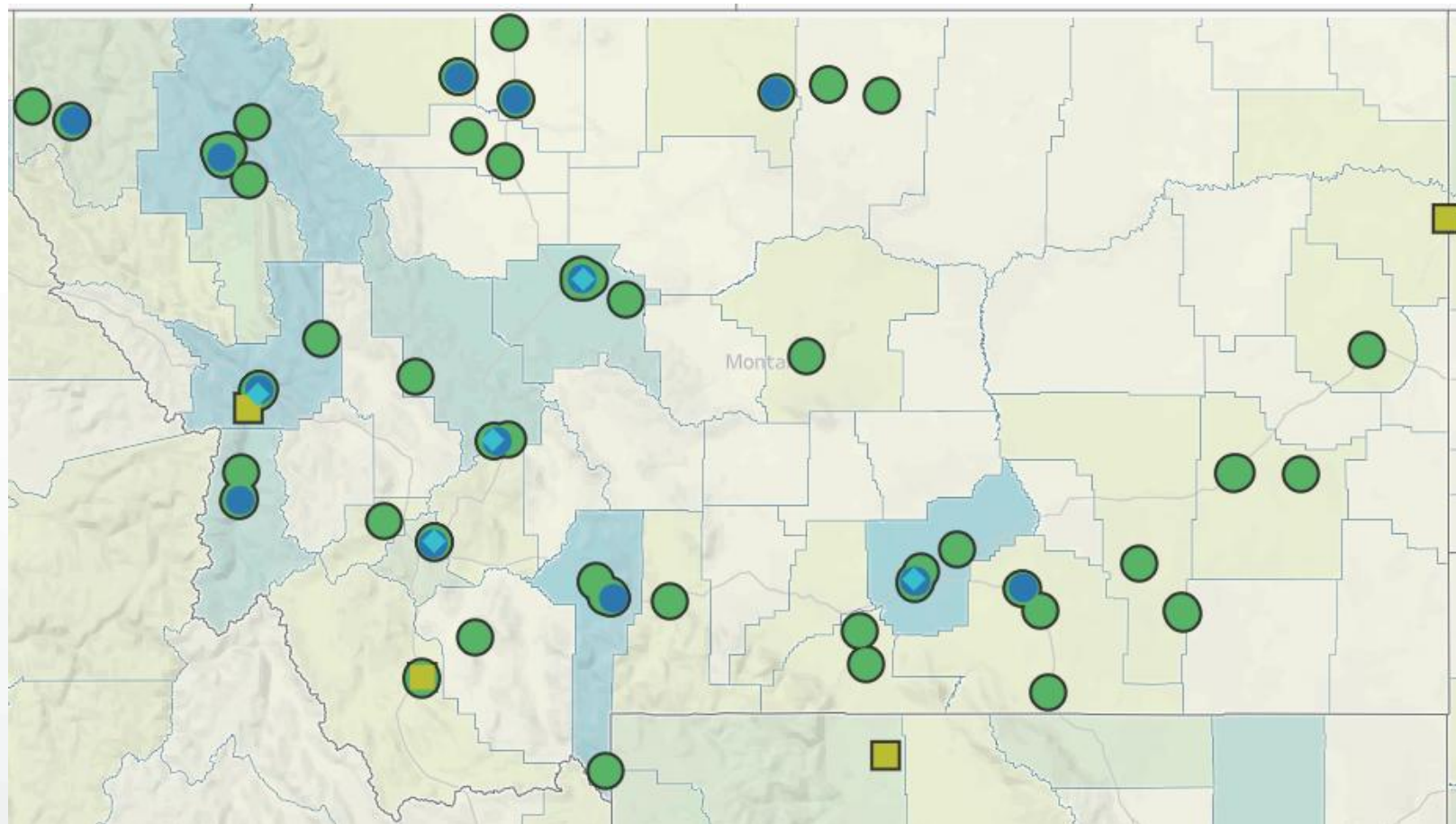
This hands-on session will walk through the MAGI
Medicaid application at apply.mt.gov and share
important reminders, tips, and tricks for Medicaid case
management. Tierney Queen-Stewart, Director of Cover
Montana, Montana Primary Care Association





Our Mission

is to promote integrated primary healthcare to achieve health and well-being for Montanans.



AGENDA

- ♥ Introduction & Session Overview
- ♥ Ryan White Program – Rob Elkins
- ♥ Blackfeet TSHIP Program – ShyAnn Walking Child
- ♥ Montana Family Planning and Title X – Tracie Weiss
- ♥ Pharmacy Affordability Programs – Stephanie Chosa
- ♥ Montana Cancer Screening Program – Colleen Hueffed
- ♥ Q&A
- ♥ Summit closing and wrap-up



LEARNING TOGETHER IN ZOOM



CHAT



Q & A



PARKING LOT



Q & A LOGISTICS



Will pause after each presenter for specific questions or missed information



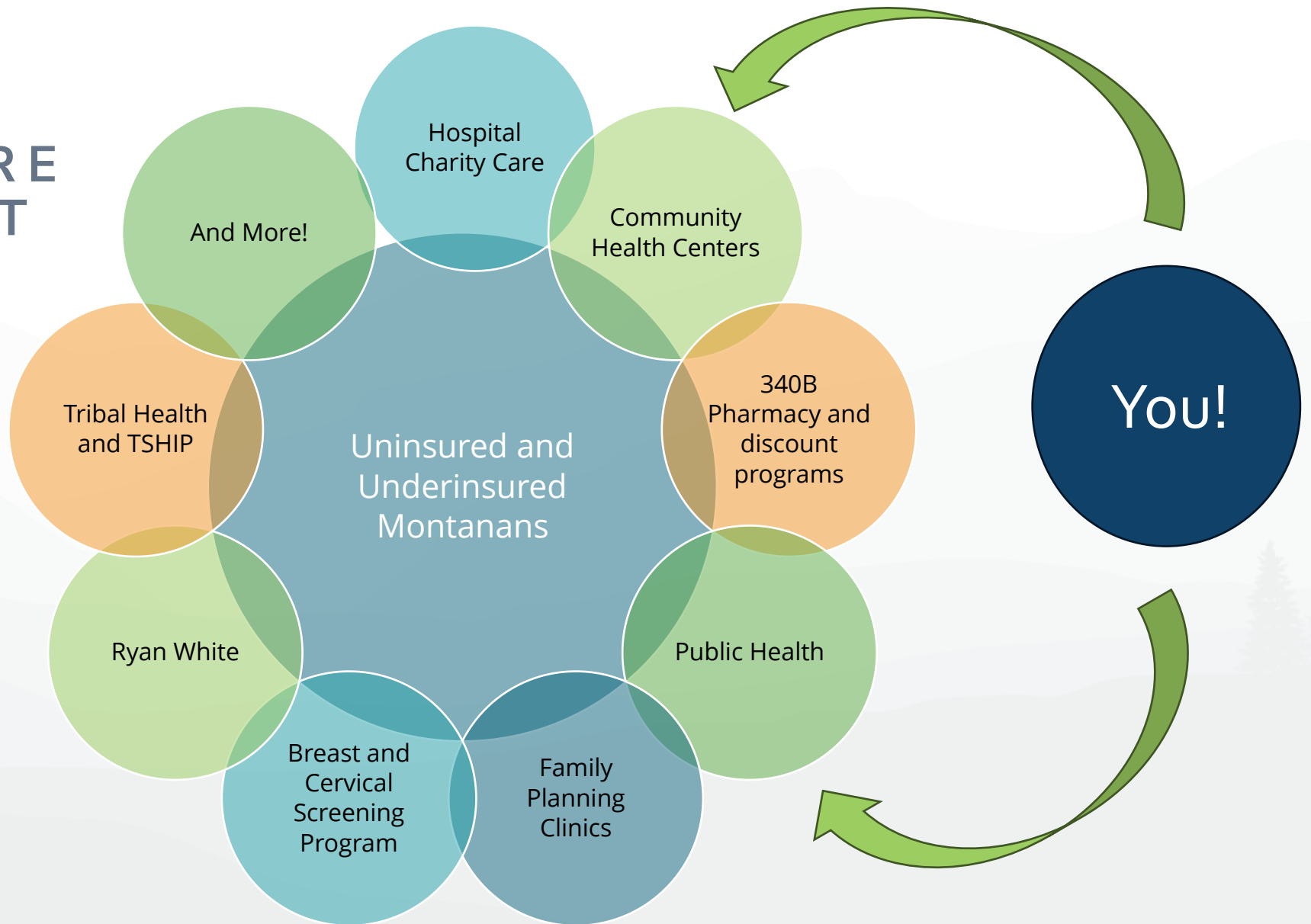
After all programs share, we will have a moderated Q&A

Questions put in the Q&A feature throughout the presentation will get asked to the panel

If you want to ask a question live, raise your Zoom hand and you will be called on



HEALTHCARE SAFETY-NET



Ryan White Part B and the AIDS Drug assistance program

- Federal grant programs funded by HRSA which provide access to comprehensive medical care and support services for low-income people living the HIV/AIDS.
 - HIV and other medications related to co-morbidities with HIV
 - Health Insurance Premiums on the ACA Marketplace
 - Medical case management
- **Eligibility**
 - Montanans who are HIV Positive
 - Modified adjusted gross income up to 500% of the Federal Poverty Level
- **Access/enrollment**
 - To find a Ryan White Service Provider:
<https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/hivstd/Treatment/Index>
 - Call Ryan White Program at 406-444-3565

Blackfeet Tribal Sponsored Health Insurance Program (TSHIP)

What We Do

The Blackfeet Tribal Sponsorship Health Insurance Program (TSHIP) assists eligible American Indians living within the Blackfeet Contract Health (IHS) Service Delivery Area (Glacier and Pondera Counties) by paying or reimbursing the cost of health insurance premiums paid the member. By sponsoring coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace (FFM) or reimbursing Medicare Part B and employer-sponsored plans, TSHIP ensures Tribal members have access to affordable care and stay insured year-round.

Who We Serve

- Enrolled members of federally recognized Tribes who are eligible for Marketplace or Medicare coverage.
- Enrolled members of federally recognized Tribes who are currently enrolled in their employers health insurance group plan, or carried their employers health coverage into retirement.

Impact on Access & Affordability

- Coverage at no cost to participants
- Reduces gaps in coverage and out-of-pocket expenses
- Generates revenue for Tribal Health Entities and IHS facilities, improving care quality
- Helps lower Montana's uninsured rate by sponsoring Tribal members into coverage

Why It Matters

TSHIP strengthens Tribal sovereignty, supports community health, and ensures that no one goes without coverage because of cost.

Contact

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FAMILY PLANNING

- 20 Title X clinics throughout the state.
- All offer a variety of sexual and reproductive health services.
- Patients under 250% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL) qualify for a discount.
- Only eligibility requirement for discount is patient needs to be of reproductive age.
- Title X funds should be the payer of last resort and most clinics can bill public and private insurance.
- Funding is secure through the end of March 2026.

Medication Affordability – Options?

- 340B Drug Pricing Program
 - Federal program through manufacturers.
 - Discounted medication pricing for eligible patients.
 - Eligible prescription at an eligible pharmacy.
 - Below 200% FPL.



- Patient Assistance Program (PAP)
 - Programs offered directly through the manufacturer.
 - Coupons, copay cards, free trial, or rebates
 - Shipped directly from manufacturer for small fee or free
 - www.needymeds.org
 - Charitable Organization
 - Such as Direct Relief and AmeriCares



Montana Cancer Screening Program

The MCSP assists with breast and cervical cancer screening tests and exams, as well as most diagnostic tests to rule out breast or/and cervical cancers.

- Statewide program with 14 sites to assist local communities
- Income eligibility 250% of Federal Poverty Level
- Uninsured AND under-insured (deductible/copay \$200 or more)
- Multiple procedures can be covered up until the diagnosis
- Referral process to the MT Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program (MBCCTP) if diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer through program assistance
- For more information, enrollment forms/portals, contractor phone numbers, etc visit: <https://www.dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cancer/>



QUESTIONS?



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Thursday, October 23: 9am - 4:15pm

The State of Coverage	9am - 10am
Mechanisms of the Marketplace Join us for a review of both basic and more complex mechanisms of the Marketplace in advance of Open Enrollment. Shannon Cottrell, First Choice Services & Tierney Queen-Stewart, Cover Montana	10:30am - 11:45am
Lunch Break	11:45am - 1:00pm
2026 Montana Marketplace Plans Panel with Montana Marketplace Carriers	1pm - 2:30pm
Keynote: Referrals to Nowhere - enrollment assistance just got a lot harder - and what you can do about it Jamie Vanderlinden, LCSW, LAC, Behavioral Health, Montana Primary Care Association	3pm - 4:15pm

