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**Montana could be a model as more GOP states weigh Medicaid work requirements**

"We will be the state to do it, to be fair to the taxpayers," Montana Gov. Greg Gianforte said.

Montana could be the first state in the nation to implement a new federal rule that allows for a less burdensome approval process for kinship caregivers and the allocation of federal funds to support them, the Department of Agriculture approved the state's planned rollout of the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer program, the Department of Agriculture said.

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- **DOULA SERVICES**: Pennsylvania advanced with the unanimous House passage of a bill to expand Medicaid to cover doula services and create an advisory board to ensure doulas are properly accredited, Pennsylvania Capital-Star reports.
- **GIG WAGES**: The Senate for consideration.
- **SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM**: An initiative to reduce maternal mortality among women of color in low-income youths has been given the green light from the federal government. The U.S. Department of Agriculture approved the state's planned rollout of the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer program, the Department of Agriculture approved.
- **WORK REQUIREMENTS**: Montana may have found middle ground with a voluntary program that allows nonprofits to offer career guidance and job training to Medicaid enrollees.

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