

**TERMS FOR MEMBERS APPOINTED TO FULFILL THE TERM OF A  
COUNCIL MEMBER WHO RESIGNED OR WAS REMOVED FROM THE  
COUNCIL**

**PURPOSE**

When a Consumer Member of the Council leaves the Council prior to the end of his/her term, that Member will be replaced by another Consumer Member who will fulfill the remainder of the original Consumer Member's current four (4) year term. In the past a question has arisen as to whether the newly appointed Consumer Member may serve twelve (12) additional years or eight (8) additional years after the end of that term. The applicable Montana statutes do not answer this question, and the Council adopts this policy to address the question

**POLICY**

The Consumer Member appointed to fulfill the original Consumer Member's term may be appointed for only two additional four (4) year terms for a total of eight (8) additional years following the end of the term for which they were originally appointed to fill the spot of the Consumer Member who left the council prior to the expiration of his/her term.

The following are examples of the application of this policy:

1) Original Consumer Member retires with one (1) year remaining on her term. New Consumer Member is appointed. New Consumer Member completes final year of original Consumer Member and may be reappointed to two additional four (4) year terms.

2) Original Consumer Member is removed by Council with three (3) years remaining on his term. New Consumer Member is appointed. New Consumer Member completes the three years remaining on the original Consumer Member's term and may be reappointed to two additional four (4) year terms.