

MHCP provider news and updates

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Systems announcements

Watch this space for information about MN-ITS availability, technical information and other systems notifications.

Legislature authorizes rate and budget increases for Elderly Waiver, Alternative Care and Essential Community Supports

Effective Jan. 1, 2019, the service rate limits for the following Elderly Waiver (EW), Alternative Care (AC) and Essential Community Supports (ECS) program services will increase:

- Adult companion
- Adult day and adult day bath
- Chore
- Home-delivered meals
- Homemaker: assistance with personal cares, home management and cleaning
- Individual community living supports (ICLS)
- Respite: in-home and out-of-home

Component rates increase for the following services under EW effective for start dates on or after Jan. 1, 2019:

- Customized living
- Foster care

Component rate increases take effect on Jan. 1, 2019, but are applied on a rolling basis throughout the year. The rate increase is applied when a lead agency submits a new Residential Services Tool workbook because of an assessment or reassessment, a change in provider, or a change in the support plan driven by a change in the person's needs or circumstances. Click "Tools" on the bottom of the [Elderly Waiver Residential Services](#) web page to download a workbook.

Monthly budget limits increase for the EW, AC and ECS programs effective Jan. 1, 2019. This includes Consumer Directed Community Supports (CDCS) and customized living and 24-hour customized living.

See DHS [Bulletin MN Legislature authorizes rate and budget increases for Elderly Waiver, Alternative Care and Essential Community Supports \(18-25-06\)](#) for rate and budget limit increases on or after Jan. 1, 2019. (pub. 11/19/18)

Providers serving people under age 65 on managed care must bill fee-for-service for personal care assistance and home care nursing services

Beginning Jan. 1, 2019, all personal care assistance (PCA) and home care nursing (HCN) services for people under age 65 will be covered under fee-for-service (FFS). Members will continue to be enrolled in the MCO they were enrolled in, but managed care organization (MCO) contracts for Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) members under age 65 will no longer cover PCA and HCN. MHCP will cover the services on a FFS basis beginning Jan. 1, 2019.

Counties or tribes are responsible for annual assessments for service agreements that ended on Dec. 31, 2018, and after. Provider agencies should submit a [Referral for Reassessment for PCA Services \(DHS-3244P\)](#) to the member's tribe or county of residence 60 days before the end date of a service agreement.

MCOs are responsible for annual assessments for existing service agreements with an end date on or before Dec. 30, 2018. Follow the usual procedures for annual assessment requests from MCOs for service agreements that end on or before Dec. 30, 2018. If the MCO approved a service agreement based on its last assessment with an end date that is on or after Jan. 1, 2019, it will be valid for the length of the agreement.

PCA service agreements

If a PCA provider does not receive a service agreement to continue services before Dec. 31, 2018, fax the [PCA Technical Change Request \(DHS-4074A\)](#) and a copy of the MCO service agreement to the Disability Services Division (DSD) Resource Center at 651-431-7447. State in the “Additional Information” section “for MCO transition.”

Home care nursing service agreements

Home care nursing (HCN) service agreements will transition to the usual FFS process through the medical review agent, KEPRO, as described in the [Authorization](#) section of the MHCP Provider Manual. HCN providers will continue to assess for HCN services. If an HCN provider does not receive a service agreement to continue services by Dec. 31, 2018, submit the [Home Care Technical Change Request \(DHS-4074\)](#) and a copy of the MCO service agreement through MN-ITS or the KEPRO portal. State in the “Additional Information/Treatment Plan” section “for MCO transition.”

Changes do not affect other health care services

Under this contract change, members will continue to be enrolled in the MCO they were enrolled in and the MCO will continue to pay for their other health care services.

The contract change does not apply to the two options for seniors (age 65 and over): Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) or Minnesota Senior Care+ (MSC+). MSHO and MSC+ MCOs will continue to authorize and pay for PCA and HCN services. (pub. 11/16/18)

Incontinence product list changes

Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) added six products to the Incontinence Products List to replace their equivalent discontinued products. MHCP has not removed the discontinued products from the list in case a supplier has these in stock and is still dispensing them to members.

Incontinence Product List Changes

Replacement Product	Product Code	Discontinued Product	Product Code
Attends Extended Wear Briefs, Medium	DDEW20	Attends Overnight Briefs, Medium	BRNT20
Attends Extended Wear Briefs, Large	DDEW30	Attends Overnight Briefs, Large	BRNT30
Attends Extended Wear Briefs, Extra Large	DDEW40	Attends Overnight Briefs, Extra Large	BRNT40
TENA Complete +Care Briefs, Medium	69960	TENA Classic Briefs, Medium	67720
TENA Complete +Care Briefs, Large	69970	TENA Classic Briefs, Large	67740
TENA Complete +Care Briefs, Extra Large	69980	TENA Classic Briefs, Extra Large	67750

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Limits on opiate prescriptions

Beginning December 3, 2018, the fee-for-service pharmacy program will limit the initial fill of an opiate prescription to no more than a seven days' supply. Managed care plans within Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) will implement this change no later than January 1, 2019. The new limit will apply to all claims where the member does not have a paid claim for the same drug, or a similar drug containing the same active ingredient(s), in the previous 90 days. A member that has a paid fee-for-service claim for the same drug, or a similar drug with the same active ingredient(s), within the previous 90 days will not be subject to the initial fill restriction.

Why the change?

MHCP is initiating this change as part of the Uniform Pharmacy Policy initiative. Curbing the escalating problem of prescription opioid abuse is a key priority of the Minnesota State Substance Abuse Strategy. Refer to [Minnesota's opioid prescribing guidelines](#) for more information. (pub. 10/30/18)

Housing Support Supplemental Service providers MN–ITS claims help sessions

Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) provider training is offering free claims help sessions for Housing Support Supplemental Service providers only. These sessions are tailored to have hands-on help to enter claims into MN–ITS.

The sessions are provided in a computer lab with computers available for you to use. You may bring and use your own laptop, if you prefer. Sessions are limited to 16 participants and are in-person only; a webinar will not be offered. Sign up early to reserve a seat.

You can find the dates and times, learning objectives and prerequisites for these sessions on the [MHCP enrolled providers training page](#). (pub. 10/30/18)

DHS seeks members for EIDBI Benefit advisory group

The Minnesota Department of Human Services invites applications from people who are interested in serving on the Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI) benefit advisory group. The EIDBI advisory group assists DHS with ongoing development of EIDBI policies, standards and implementation of the EIDBI benefit. To apply, visit the Office of Minnesota Secretary of State [Boards & Commissions open positions webpage](#). For more information, see [DHS seeks members for EIDBI Benefit advisory group](#). If you have additional questions, email the EIDBI autism policy team at ASD.DHS@state.mn.us. (pub. 10/30/18)

Authorization review agent change of address

Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) review agent, Keystone Peer Review Organization (KEPRO), has changed its mailing address. When sending documentation to KEPRO through the United States Postal Service (USPS) use the following address:

KEPRO
Attention: MN Medicaid
2810 N Parham Rd. Suite 305
Henrico, VA 23294

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Fast-tracker for substance use disorder

A year ago Minnesota's first searchable online tool for statewide substance use disorder (SUD) services, [Fast-Tracker](#), went live. Today **355** of a possible 480 licensed 245G, Rule 32, tribal and border state programs are voluntarily registered on Fast-Tracker. Individuals seeking help, family members, detox programs, assessors, care coordinators, physicians, and others, can find and quickly access statewide SUD service openings through this site. Feedback from tribes, counties, providers and other stakeholders is that they are using the site and are finding it very useful.

If your licensed program is not listed on Fast-Tracker, register today. It's free and takes just 10 minutes. Call Linda at 651-426-6347 for information on how to register your program.

See the [Fast-Tracker for Substance Use Disorder Update](#) e-memo for more details. (pub. 10/18/18)

Psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTF) referral and eligibility instructions

For Medical Assistance fee-for-service members: submit all PRTF referrals to the state [medical review agent](#) KEPRO, using the [Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility \(PRTF\) Eligibility for Admissions \(DHS-7696\) \(PDF\)](#).

For members enrolled in a managed care organization (MCO): submit all PRTF referrals directly to the PRTF provider.

What has changed

- Previous protocol asked providers to work directly with PRTF providers before submitting the DHS-7696 to the medical review agent.
- Authorizations from KEPRO for admission to a PRTF are now valid for up to 180 days, rather than 30 days. Reviews resulting in the person being determined to meet medical necessity for PRTF will now remain valid until admission as long as the diagnostic assessment is current (within last 180 days) and the child or youth has no significant changes in symptoms or needs.

Email Dhs.prtf@state.mn.us with any questions. (pub. 10/17/18; rev. 10/30/18)

Technical assistance opportunity for employment service providers

The Institute for Community Inclusion at the University of Massachusetts Boston is accepting applications for the Minnesota technical assistance project (MN-TAP). This project will help providers offer better support to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities as they get and succeed in competitive, integrated employment opportunities.

See [Employment technical assistance opportunity for service providers](#) for more information. (pub. 10/9/18; rev. 10/30/18)

Intensive treatment in foster care training sessions

Providers interested in providing intensive treatment in foster care need to attend one of the Intensive Treatment in Foster Care (ITFC) Applicant Provider Information Sessions, and then be certified. You can read more in the bulletin [Children's Mental Health Announces New Service: Intensive Treatment in Foster Care](#).

Sign up for the training through the Adult and Children's Mental Health link from the [TrainLink](#) information page. From the TrainLink registration page, click on Course Catalog Search and enter the course code CMH110. Click on Class Schedule for all session dates and locations. **The last session scheduled in 2018 is November 20.** Session time will be 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (pub. 10/2/18)

Additional information

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- [MHCP provider policies and procedures](#)
- [Latest Manual Revisions](#)
- [Training and VideoPresence opportunities](#): Information about most new and ongoing training
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If you have questions about this information, call the MHCP Provider Call Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411.

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