

SNP Stakeholder Meeting Updates
December 3, 2018

Important updates for stakeholders

Effective January 1, 2019:

- The families and children, and single adult, personal care assistant (PCA) and home care nursing (HCN) benefit will transition to fee-for-service (FFS) authorization and payment.
 - DHS distributed a memo announcing the 2019 contract change to managed care organizations (MCOs), counties and tribal nations in October 2017. Also in October 2017, DHS released a memo notifying lead agencies of a change to the 2019 families and children Medicaid managed care contract.
 - People under age 65 authorized for FFS payment of PCA and HCN will remain enrolled in managed care and continue to receive all other health care services through the MCO.
 - MCOs continue to authorize and pay for PCA and HCN services through December 31, 2018.
 - DHS will honor all MCO 2018 authorizations through the MCO authorization period, which may run through calendar year (CY) 2019.
 - Copies of the following are available:
 - [Memo announcing the 2019 contract change PDF](#)
 - [Member letter that DHS provided to the MCOs to mail to their members PDF](#)
 - [PCA provider services notice PDF](#)
- Throughout 2018, DHS has also been working with MCOs, county and tribal nation human services representatives or public health representatives on the transition of PCA or HCN services to FFS payment.
 - County or tribal nation assessors will authorize PCA services and complete assessments for all authorizations with a begin date of January 1, 2019, or later.
 - Home care nursing (HCN) assessments will transition to the usual fee-for-service process using the DHS medical authorization agent, KEPRO. DHS will communicate with HCN providers about this change. HCN providers will continue to assess for HCN services.
- The MCO will continue to authorize and pay for home health services for members under age 65, which includes skilled nurse visits, home health aide services and home care therapies.
- Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) and Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+) members will continue to have their PCA and HCN services authorized and paid for by the MCO.