

## MHCP provider news and updates

December 11 – 24, 2018

### Systems announcements

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

### Beginner's training for Individualized Education Program (IEP) Services

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The Minnesota Departments of Education (MDE) and Human Services (DHS) will conduct a beginner's training presentation for IEP services on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019. This training is for school districts' IEP billing coordinators and billing administrators who are new to third-party billing. We will include an overview about the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), provider enrollment, child eligibility requirements for services, coverage criteria, billing requirements and rate calculation for IEP health-related services.

#### Time and location

Training will be in person and via webinar. All registered participants will receive a confirmation email. We will forward the webinar details to those who register for the webinar.

In-person training will be at the Minnesota Department of Education, 1500 Highway 36 W, Roseville, MN 55113.

- Check-in: 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.
- Presentation: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

#### Registration

Use the [IEP Training Registration](#) form to register for the training. Space is limited and seating is not guaranteed for those who do not register before the Jan. 25, 2019, deadline.

Please email [Kristin.Smith@state.mn.us](mailto:Kristin.Smith@state.mn.us) (DHS) if you need to cancel your reservation.

We will provide a continental breakfast and boxed lunch.

If you have questions, contact [Jesusa.Williams@state.mn.us](mailto:Jesusa.Williams@state.mn.us) (DHS), [Jenny.M.Roth@state.mn.us](mailto:Jenny.M.Roth@state.mn.us) (DHS) or [Julie.Neururer@state.mn.us](mailto:Julie.Neururer@state.mn.us) (MDE). (pub. 12/21/18)

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

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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 Managed Care Organization (MCO) they were enrolled in, but 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 PCA 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.

#### 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 services**

Home care nursing (HCN) authorization requests and 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. 11/14/18, rev. 12/21/18)

## **Survey on the Positive Support Transition Plan and related documents**

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The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) seeks your input to improve positive-support tools through the [Positive Support Transition Plan survey](#). We will make updates to related forms and instructions based on your feedback. If you have ideas to improve the form templates or related documents, please respond to this survey by Jan. 6, 2019.

For more information, see [Survey on the Positive Support Transition Plan and related documents eList](#). (pub. 12/21/18)

## **Adding billing codes for newly approved Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment services for nonresidential providers**

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Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) records for nonresidential substance use disorder (SUD) treatment providers now show specialty codes for comprehensive assessment, treatment coordination and peer recovery support services. Tribally licensed and 245G SUD providers seeking payment for services funded under the consolidated chemical dependency treatment fund will not need to submit a new assurance statement to add these services at this time.

However, if you have any changes to your ability to provide these services in the future, you will need to submit a new assurance statement to Provider Eligibility and Compliance.

Contact placing authorities (currently, counties and tribal placing authorities) to authorize service agreements with applicable treatment service codes.

Providers can begin to provide services of treatment coordination, peer support and comprehensive assessment as of Jan. 1, 2019. The earliest claims may be submitted for fee-for-services clients, for these services, will be Jan. 8, 2019.

Bill using the following codes and rates:

- Comprehensive Assessment: H0001 with no modifier code - \$162.24
- Treatment Coordination: 1016 with HN and U8 modifier - \$11.71 (per 15-minute unit)  
Do not bill more than 8 units per client, per day. You must bill with U8 and HN modifiers.
- Peer Recovery Support Services: H0038 with U8 modifier - \$15.02 (per 15-minute unit)  
Do not bill more than 8 units per client, per day. You must bill with the U8 modifier.

Send questions about service agreements to [dhs.ccdtf@state.mn.us](mailto:dhs.ccdtf@state.mn.us). Call the MHCP Provider Call Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 for questions related to billing and enrollment. (pub. 12/18/18)

## Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI) and Comprehensive multi-disciplinary evaluation (CMDE) billing changes effective Jan. 1, 2019

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Federal law mandates providers use Category I Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes for EIDBI services beginning Jan. 1, 2019. Category III CPT billing codes cannot be used after Dec. 31, 2018. Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) is working to update our systems by Jan. 1, 2019.

DHS and Keystone Peer Review Organization (KEPRO), the state medical review agent, are coordinating to ensure current authorizations are transitioned to the new codes without requiring additional steps from providers. We have also notified managed care organizations (MCOs) and they are working to update their systems accordingly.

We encourage all providers to attend the informational billing meeting via webinar or in person Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 2:00 p.m. at Elmer L. Andersen Human Services Building, Room 2370, 540 Cedar St., St. Paul 55101. See the [information announcement](#) page for registration and additional information. If you registered for the EIDBI webinar, you will receive an invitation by noon Monday, Dec. 17.

DHS will host a billing lab webinar on Wednesday, Dec. 19 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. See the [Training on EIDBI billing](#) page for registration and additional information.

An EIDBI technical assistance call is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19. We will review the new codes and answer any questions providers have. See the [Technical assistance announcement](#) page for registration and more information.

Watch for additional provider news updates over the next several weeks.

Direct billing and claims questions to the Provider Call Center at 651-431-2700.

Direct policy and other general questions to [ASD.DHS@state.mn.us](mailto:ASD.DHS@state.mn.us) (pub. 12/14/18)

## Early Intensive Development and Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI) 2019 provider input sessions scheduled

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Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) invites current and potential EIDBI providers to attend provider input sessions during 2019. We encourage all providers to attend. We will discuss policies and proposed changes, provide updates and gather provider feedback.

Providers can attend in person or via webinar. All input sessions will be held at Elmer L. Andersen Human Services Building, Room 2370, 540 Cedar St., St. Paul 55101. See the [session announcement](#) page for registration and additional information.

### 2019 Provider Input Sessions

- Tuesday, Jan. 15, 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, Apr. 16, 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, July 23, 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 15, 11:00 a.m.

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## Substance Use Disorder (SUD) claim date span changes

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Effective for date of service on or after Jan. 1, 2019, SUD residential and inpatient hospital providers must include date of discharge on the final treatment claim along with the appropriate patient status code. The date of discharge or transfer is not reimbursable by Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP), but must be included on the claim for proper billing. See the [claim date span](#) memo for more information. (pub. 12/13/18)

## Nonemergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Rural-Urban Commuting Area (RUCA) new ZIP code list

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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published a new ZIP code list used for calculating RUCA for dates of service (DOS) Jan. 1, 2019, through Dec. 31, 2019. See [ambulance services center](#) and open the “Zip Code to Carrier Locality File – Revised 11/14/2018” listed under the Coding/Billing/Payment section of Important Links. Open the Excel worksheet “ZIP5\_JAN2019” to review the Minnesota (MN) ZIP codes. (pub. 12/11/18)

## Youth Assertive Community Treatment (Youth ACT) certification application online

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The Youth ACT certification application is now available online for providers who want to provide Youth ACT services. See the [certification application](#) to apply.

See the [Youth ACT](#) page for more information about the service. (pub. 12/11/18)

## Substance Use Disorder (SUD) outpatient providers need to contact MCOs about reimbursement for providing new services

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If you are a Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) provider of SUD outpatient services, contact the [MCOs](#) to contract with or amend managed care contracts to include:

- Comprehensive assessment
- Substance use treatment coordination
- Peer recovery support services

Providers who do not have contracts in place for Medical Assistance (MA) or MinnesotaCare members risk not receiving reimbursement for services. MCOs are responsible for establishing their own provider networks and are not required to contract with all SUD providers. (pub. 12/10/18)

## Delivery of services to members who reside in Psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTF)

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Licensed community providers can deliver eligible services to members who reside in PRTF. Services must be coordinated with the PRTF provider and identified in the individual plan of care. PRTF arranged and concurrent services are billed by the licensed professional using (837P) professional claims with the place of service (POS) code 56.

**Arranged Services** – Professional services not covered in the per diem arranged by and provided at the facility by a licensed professional.

**Concurrent Services** – Limited services provided by another provider that supports continuity of care and successful discharge from a PRTF.

Refer to the Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) Provider Manual [psychiatric residential treatment facility \(PRTF\)](#) section for more information about arranged and concurrent services not covered in the per diem. (pub. 12/7/18)

## Changes to Elderly Waiver service agreements with South Country Health Alliance health plan

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Effective Jan. 1, 2019, Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) will no longer be a third-party administrator (TPA) for South Country Health Alliance (SCHA) health plan.

Providers who have current Elderly Waiver service agreements with SCHA will have those agreements closed by a lead agency or case manager no later than Dec. 31, 2018. Elderly Waiver providers may continue to follow the fee-for-service billing process for dates of services through Dec. 31, 2018.

For dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2019, claims billed through the fee-for-service process will be denied. Providers will need to follow SCHA's instructions, [2019 Changes Specific to Elderly Waiver Providers](#), for service authorization and billing for dates of service of Jan. 1, 2019, and after. (pub. 12/7/18)

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## Personal Care Assistance (PCA) enhanced rate reprocessing

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Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) will reprocess all enhanced rate PCA claims submitted for members after the July 1, 2018, PCA enhanced rate launch.

MHCP identified some payment errors with enhanced rate claims and, after reviewing our processing system, made changes to ensure proper payments to providers who serve members eligible for the enhanced rate.

All reprocessed claims will appear on the warrant received the week of Dec. 10, 2018. This does not include claims for MCOs. (pub. 12/7/18)

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## Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI) benefit billing code information session

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The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) will host an information session Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018, for EIDBI and comprehensive multi-disciplinary evaluation (CMDE) providers. We will cover updates to the billing codes and procedures.

Attend the session in person at the Elmer L. Andersen Human Services Building, Room 2360, 540 Cedar St., St. Paul 55101 or by webinar. See the [information session announcement](#) page to register and for more information. (pub. 11/27/18)

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

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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)

## Incontinence product list changes

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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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## Additional information

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