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Systems announcements

We will update this section with information about MN–ITS availability, technical information and other systems announcements when necessary.

Update on COVID-19 waivers and end of the state peacetime emergency

On June 30, the Minnesota Legislature voted to end the state peacetime emergency effective Thursday, July 1, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. This will end the COVID-19 Peacetime Emergency authority the Department of Human Services (DHS) has under Executive Orders 20-11 and 20-12 to seek federal authority to change or waive federal requirements and to modify and waive certain statutes and rules related to DHS programs. We have used this authority to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are quickly working to analyze the language in the 2021 HHS Omnibus bill that modified the transition timeline for a number of the COVID-19 “CV waivers and modifications” and also made several pandemic changes a part of permanent state law. We will be making updates to our DHS waivers and modifications webpage to reflect revised dates soon. Please watch DHS bulletins, manuals and other regular communication channels for program-specific guidance over the coming weeks. (pub. 7/2/21)

New Brain Injury (BI) and Community Access for Disability Inclusion (CADI) customized living service settings in single-family homes can no longer enroll

The 2021 Minnesota Legislature passed legislation (Minnesota Statutes 256B.49, subdivision 28) effective July 1, 2021, directing the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) to stop enrolling new customized living settings in single-family homes for delivery of BI and CADI customized living or 24-hour customized living services.

This legislative change is for BI and CADI programs only and does not impact Elderly Waiver customized living services or the customized living services license requirement updates related to the assisted living licensure changes.

Customized living settings in operation on or before June 30, 2021, are considered existing customized living settings. DHS may approve an exception to this legislative change when an existing customized living setting changes ownership at the same address. (pub. 6/30/21)

Funds appropriated for Minnesota Department of Human Services; operations and payments will continue

The Legislature has appropriated funds for our agency and our operations and payments will continue uninterrupted after June 30, 2021. We are pleased that we can continue working together and sincerely appreciate your patience and cooperation during this difficult period.

Call the Minnesota Health Care Programs Provider Call Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 if you have any questions about this message. (pub. 6/29/21)

Billing system updated for Integrated Behavioral Health Care (IBHC) effective May 29, 2021

We have updated our system effective May 29, 2021, to accommodate Mental Health Room and Board billing under the IBHC fund for Adult Residential Crisis Stabilization Services (RCS) and Intensive Residential Treatment Services (IRTS). The workaround process for billing Mental Health Room and Board claims ended May 28, 2021. You must submit claims
by using MN–ITS 837I to bill for revenue code 1001 (Room and Board) beginning May 29, 2021. You can back bill to July 1, 2020, which is the date legislation was approved for room and board.

Mental Health Room and Board is covered for Medical Assistant major programs. Mental Health Room and Board is not covered for MinnesotaCare major programs.

Contact the Minnesota Health Care Programs Provider Call Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 with billing questions. (pub. 6/25/21)

**Potential 2021 Minnesota Government Shutdown**

As you are likely aware, the state Legislature concluded its regular session in May without passing a state budget for the next biennium. While we are optimistic that the Legislature will agree to a budget soon, state agencies, including the Department of Human Services (DHS), are in the process of planning in the event a budget is not approved before the end of the fiscal year on June 30.

If a budget is not approved before July 1, all or parts of state government will shut down. If a shutdown occurs and there is no action to continue critical services, it will have impacts on services you provide and services we provide in partnership and support of the work you do. Payment for services you provide may stop effective July 1, until a budget is approved. A shutdown will also have a direct impact on the people served through our human services system. While we hope that none of this comes to pass, due diligence requires that we notify you of this possibility.

We will post information on the Minnesota Department of Human Services website at [https://mn.gov/dhs/](https://mn.gov/dhs/) for updates. We suggest that you monitor state websites, bulletins, and media publications for further information.

We know this message brings with it additional stress and uncertainty in a year that has already brought more than enough. State leaders are working diligently to reach a budget deal and to avoid the negative impacts of a state government shutdown. Thank you for your service and dedication to the people in your communities. (pub. 6/24/21, removed online 6/29/21)

**Autism-related training events scheduled for July**

The following autism-related online training events are scheduled for July 13, 2021.

**Better together for autism assessments**

This free webinar examines a school district and clinic’s collaboration in central Minnesota to improve access and streamline the assessment process for young children with autism spectrum disorder. Participants discovered they truly are “better together” in autism assessments throughout this process. See the [July webinar: Better together for autism assessments](https://www.dhs.state.mn.us/dsdevent/7d5caab7238b43269f07e9930a5eb61f) DSD eList announcement for more information.

**Trauma informed care training for EIDBI providers**

Minnesota Department of Human Services will host a free 90-minute online training session for Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI) services providers July 13, 2021. See the [Trauma informed care training for EIDBI providers set for July 13](https://www.dhs.state.mn.us/dsdevent/272b46292c6e4045b035c9eaf433b9a6) DSD eList announcement for more information. (pub. 6/23/21)

**Charting the LifeCourse – Employment & E1MN workshop June 28, 2021**

Minnesota Department of Human Services and the Department of Employment and Economic Development are partnering with the LifeCourse Nexus Group from the University of Missouri-Kansas City to offer an online workshop from 2 to 4 p.m. June 28, 2021, about using the Charting the LifeCourse (CtLC) approach and tools to support employment. The workshop has limited seats available.

This interactive training session will include both a large-group presentation and small-group discussions. We will help staff learn to use the CtLC approach and tools to improve employment planning for people with disabilities and advance employment outcomes. Leveraging these skills is an important strategy in supporting seamless transitions between waiver and Vocational Rehabilitation Services/State Services for the Blind programs.

See [Save the date webinar announcement: Charting the LifeCourse (CtLC) – Employment & E1MN](https://www.dhs.state.mn.us/dsdevent/1069f023a0774d088d0b537f2022a4fe) TrainLink webpage for learning objective, target audience, registration and additional information. (pub. 6/22/21)
PCA Steps for Success certificates emailed June 18, 2021

Certificates for the attendees of the April 2021 Steps for Success class were emailed Friday, June 18, 2021.

We sent certificates to the contact email that was provided when you registered. Please make sure you check all of the folders in your email account, including the spam and junk folders, before contacting us about a lost certificate.

Contact the Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) Provider Call Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411, option #4, if you think there has been an error. (pub. 6/21/21)

Medicaid managed care programs surveys open through June 30, 2021

Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) has developed managed care programs uniquely tailored to adults with disabilities (ages 18 - 64) and older adults (age 65 and over). These programs are Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO), Minnesota Senior Care+ (MSC+) and Special Needs BasicCare (SNBC).

DHS is gathering input from stakeholders (members, advocates and providers) to improve MSHO, MSC+ and SNBC. We invite you to complete the following surveys for all stakeholder groups you identify with concerning your experience with these programs.

- [Survey Questions for Members](#)
- [Survey Questions for Advocates](#)
- [Survey Questions for Providers](#)

Please respond by Wednesday, June 30, 2021, and share this information with others who might want to take a survey.

As a reminder here is some information about MSHO, MSC+ and SNBC.

MSHO is a voluntary statewide managed care program for people age 65 and over on Medicaid who have Medicare Part A and B and who wish to have the same health plan manage their Medicare and Medicaid benefits, including pharmacy. Over 41,100 people are currently enrolled in the program.

MSC+ is a mandatory statewide managed care program for people age 65 and over on Medicaid. Over 20,000 people are currently enrolled in the program.

SNBC is a voluntary statewide managed care program for people with disabilities age 18-64. Over 54,500 people are currently enrolled in the program.

SNBC Integrated is a voluntary managed care program for adults with disabilities on Medicaid who have Medicare Part A and B and who wish to have the same health plan manage their Medicare and Medicaid benefits, including pharmacy. Over 7,800 people are currently enrolled in the program. (pub. 6/18/21)

Reminder: Rate reduction for certain Housing Support Supplemental Services providers effective July 1, 2021

Long-term Homeless Supportive Housing, Metro Demo, and Housing with Services Independent Living providers who provide Housing Support Supplemental Services to members also approved to receive Housing Stabilization Services will have a 50% reduction to the Housing Support Supplemental Services rate effective July 1, 2021.

This rate reduction applies only to Long-term Homeless Supportive Housing, Metro Demo, and Housing with Services Independent Living providers and does not apply to Housing Support providers in other types of programs. The reduction is due to state law requiring a 50% reduction to the Housing Support Supplemental Services rate for people who are also approved to receive Housing Stabilization Services under Minnesota’s Medical Assistance program. Housing Stabilization Services and Housing Support staff will work together to monitor member approvals for Housing Stabilization Services. The Housing Support Supplemental Services rate will be reduced after a person’s approval for Housing Stabilization Services is confirmed. Housing Support providers who have already billed the full Supplemental Services rate on or after July 1, 2021, will have adjustments made to claims that were submitted during this time, no earlier than the effective approval date for Housing Stabilization Services.
Current MHCP customized living services providers must enroll new practice location, or if they do not have a comprehensive home care license

All providers currently enrolled to provide customized living services must enroll new locations
If you currently are enrolled with Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) to provide customized living services, and you plan to continue to provide the services, you must submit a copy of your assisted living license to the Department of Human Services (DHS) once you receive it from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).

If you have new or additional practice location(s) not currently enrolled with MHCP, you must enroll each location.

Providers must enroll all practice locations providing customized living services.

DHS accepting proof of license application submission to help providers enroll new practice locations
In order to help customized living services providers who plan to transition to the new licensing requirement, DHS will accept a copy of the confirmation email you received from MDH to start your enrollment process, along with your enrollment materials until July 31, 2021. DHS will set up your record and hold your application until Sept. 30, 2021, to receive a copy of your actual assisted living license. After that date, DHS will deny the customized living services enrollment.

To complete your enrollment, you will need to submit a copy of your license and pay the MHCP application fee if one was not paid to DHS at the time of the application submission. After July 31, 2021, all providers must obtain their license before submitting their enrollment application.

Housing with services certificate holder who does not hold the comprehensive home care license
If you hold a housing with services certificate, and you do not hold a comprehensive home care license to provide customized living services with MHCP, and you are planning to transition to the assisted living license to perform the customized living services, you must enroll with MHCP as a customized living services provider.

See Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Programs Provider Enrollment for information on how to enroll.

Housing with services certificate holder who also holds the comprehensive home care license
If you currently hold both the comprehensive home care license and the housing with services certificate, and you intend to continue to provide customized living services, you must submit a copy of your assisted living license to DHS once you receive it from MDH.

Training offered for current customized living services providers on using MPSE to enroll
DHS is offering trainings on the Minnesota Provider Screening and Enrollment (MPSE) portal for existing customized living services providers who are interested in using MPSE to update their credential or submit a new enrollment application with MHCP. Refer to the License requirement changes for customized living services providers webpage to register. You may also fax your enrollment forms to 651-431-7493. (pub. 6/16/21)

Preadmission screening policy moved to Senior LinkAge Line website
The Minnesota Board on Aging moved the state policy for preadmission screenings for nursing facility admission to the Senior LinkAge Line Providers & Partners Resources webpage on June 15, 2021. Reference this webpage regularly so you have the most up-to-date information. State staff will make revisions to this information as policy changes.

This webpage replaces the following Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) bulletins:
- Preadmission Screening – Activity Required for Admission to MA-Certified Nursing Facilities, DHS Bulletin #19-25-02 (PDF)
- Payment in Medicaid-Certified Nursing Facilities and 90-Day Redetermination of Level of Care, DHS Bulletin #19-25-03 (PDF)
OBRA Level II policy
The Senior LinkAge Line website does not include information about OBRA Level II policy. Continue to use the following resources:
  - CBSM – OBRA Level II evaluative report for people with developmental disabilities
  - Adult Mental Health Level II OBRA Screening for Nursing Facility Admission, DHS Bulletin #21-25-02 (PDF)
(pub. 6/16/21)

Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) selects electronic visit verification (EVV) system vendor

DHS has selected HHAeXchange to provide the EVV system for personal care services (including personal care assistance and some home and community-based services) and home health services providers.

EVV model
We will use a hybrid EVV model. With the hybrid model, providers may select an EVV system that works best for their business, but also maintains accountability to the state by submitting data to the central system (i.e., an aggregator). Providers may use either the state-provided EVV system from HHAeXchange, or an alternative system of their choice, as long as it meets state requirements. We will send out more information via DSD eList announcements, updates to our EVV webpages and provider news updates to help you make an informed choice about which system to use to connect to the HHAeXchange data aggregator. Look for information within the next few weeks about the technical or integration specifications providers will need to use to connect to the aggregator if they choose to use an alternative EVV system.

Implementation and more information
We plan to implement EVV:
  - By Dec. 1, 2021, for personal care services. This includes some home and community-based waiver services. See the Electronic visit verification webpage for a list of affected services.
  - Before the Jan. 1, 2023, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services deadline for home health services.

Questions
We know people have a lot of questions about how the implementation will happen. We will work with HHAeXchange to develop the implementation plan to address those questions. We will publish information to providers via eList, provider news and updates and the Electronic visit verification webpage as we get closer to implementation. (pub. 6/14/21)

Allowable hours per month increase for individual Personal Care Assistance (PCA) workers is permanent

The allowance for individual PCAs to work 310 hours per month under COVID-19 authority was made permanent by the Minnesota Legislature in October 2020. This was an increase from the 275 hours per month limit for individual PCAs that was allowed before the COVID-19 peacetime emergency.

See Minnesota Statute 256B.0659, subdivision 11(a)(10) as a legal reference and for more information. (pub. 6/14/21)

KEPRO training on Utilization Management (UM) available for 1115 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) System Reform Demonstration providers

KEPRO will offer training on the 1115 SUD System Reform Demonstration’s UM program during June and July. Training is available to Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) providers enrolled and not yet enrolled in the 1115 SUD System Reform Demonstration Project.

Two types of training are available and it is recommended you attend a session for each type of training:
  - Electronic Submission - KEPRO Provider Portal Training: You will learn how to successfully use the KEPRO provider portal to create cases, upload supporting documentation and conveniently send messages to, or receive messages from, the reviewers.
• **ASAM Compliance - KEPRO 1115 SUD Clinical Provider Training:** You will learn what documentation is required for submission, become familiar with the provider questionnaire, and understand the development and use of the assessment and placement grid.

Visit KEPRO’s [KEPRO/MHCP](#) website for more information about these trainings and how to access KEPRO’s Atrezzo provider portal. (pub. 6/11/21)

**Durable medical equipment, supplies, prosthetic and orthotic HCPCS codes update effective July 1, 2021**

Updates for durable medical equipment, supplies, prosthetic and orthotic HCPCS codes are effective beginning July 1, 2021. All claims with dates of service on or after July 1, 2021, will be subject to the following:

- Pricing documentation will be required for miscellaneous product codes billed. We will no longer accept current pricing on file for miscellaneous code products that are priced off the Miscellaneous Product Codes Auto Pricing list. This list will be removed from the [Equipment and supplies resources](#) webpage July 1, 2021.
- Specialized or customized tracheostomy tubes and supplies must be billed with a U3 modifier. Tracheostomy tubes and supplies that are not specialized cannot be billed with the U3 modifier.
- Note screen pricing will no longer be allowed. HCPCS codes that were previously priced from the note screen will now be priced using the rate on file at Minnesota Department of Human Services. Submit pricing documentation with the claim if the code requires pricing documentation.

(pub. 6/11/21)

**Autism-related training opportunities set for this summer**

Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) in collaboration with Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) will provide several training opportunities this summer for providers, lead agency staff, families, caregivers and people with autism.

**EIDBI provider collaboration with school districts online workshops**

DHS and MDE will offer a series of free, online workshops on using the “Charting the LifeCourse™” approach and tools to support collaborative transitions between Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI) services and school placement in the most inclusive and least restrictive environment.

The state departments have planned the workshops on the following dates. Participants are encouraged to attend all three if possible:

- June 21, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- July 20, 3 to 4:30 p.m.
- Aug. 16, 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Read the DSD eList announcement [Workshops offered on Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention provider collaboration with school districts](#) for registration and more information.

**Power of Language webinar**

DHS will offer a free webinar on June 24 to teach effective techniques to use when developing treatment plans and supporting the people we serve. Using person-centered language helps us to understand, respect and honor a person’s values, goals, culture and preferences. Webinar participants will develop a greater understanding of how powerful our language can be in fostering effective partnerships and identifying a person’s strengths and interests.

Read the DSD eList announcement [Power of Language webinar scheduled June 24](#) for registration and more information.

**Pathway to Autism Services and Support webinar**

The Minnesota Autism Resource Portal team will host a free webinar Aug. 5 to increase awareness of and access to the range of services and supports available to people with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) across their lifespan. This webinar will focus on the range of services and supports available to a person with ASD in the years that follow a diagnosis. We will include resources to help coordinate services, as well as information on accessing medical assistance, waivers, and navigating the [Minnesota Autism Resource Portal](#) website.

Read the DSD eList announcement [Pathway to Autism Services and Support webinar](#) for registration and more information. (pub. 6/11/21)
Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) Rule 101 Provider Participation List now available online

The MHCP Rule 101 Provider Participation List for the 2021 first quarter is now available online. This is a change from how the Minnesota Department of Human Services previously distributed the list. We sent the list to providers via U.S. mail in the past. We will only publish the MHCP Provider Participation List online going forward.

The Rule 101 Provider Participation List is a compilation of health care providers who comply with Rule 101 (Minnesota Statutes, 256B.044 and Minnesota Rules, 9505.5200 – 9505.5240). If a provider name is not on the list, DHS considers the provider noncompliant with Rule 101.

We organize the list by provider type. Each provider type section is in alphabetical order by the provider’s last name. The list provides the provider’s name, provider type and license number. We will post this list quarterly in the Reports and studies section of the Minnesota Health Care Programs: News, initiatives, reports and advisory committees webpage. (pub. 6/8/21)

Minnesota Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program fruit and vegetable cash value benefit increase

The Minnesota Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program is increasing the fruit and vegetable cash value benefit for participants to $35 a month for four months beginning June 1, 2021, through Sept. 30, 2021. We ask for your help to spread the news to the families you serve.

For more information about WIC and how to apply, visit the Minnesota Women, Children & Infants (WIC) website and our Apply for WIC online application. Contact Tina Breitenbach at tina.breitenbach@state.mn.us if you have questions or need additional resources for families. (pub. 6/8/21)

1115 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) System Reform Federal Demonstration Project claim instructions sent

We sent instructions for submitting new claims, replacing claims or resubmitting claims to all eligible residential and outpatient providers who have enrolled and been approved in the 1115 SUD System Reform Federal Demonstration Project. You will find the instructions in the PRVLTR folder in your MN–ITS mailbox Thursday, May 27, 2021. (pub. 5/27/21)

Coordinating services and supports for a child with ASD or related conditions online course offered

Minnesota Department of Human Services created a self-paced online course to help professionals working with children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and related conditions and their families make accurate referrals based on the person’s and family’s needs.

Learning objectives
In this course, you will learn to:

- Differentiate between Children’s Therapeutic Services and Supports (CTSS), Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI) and other services for children with ASD and related conditions
- Identify appropriate services for children with ASD and related conditions when making referrals

Audience
This course targets:
- Children’s mental health targeted case managers
- Adult mental health case managers
- CTSS providers
- EIDBI providers
COVID-19 vaccine administration payment increase

New state law [HF 1438](https://www.file.leg.state.mn.us/billstatus/default.aspx?Session=92&BillNumber=1438) requires Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) to pay the Medicare rate for COVID-19 vaccine administration procedure codes effective for dates of service on or after Apr. 1, 2021.

The $40.01 rate has been added to the following COVID-19 vaccine administration procedure codes:

- 0001A
- 0002A
- 0011A
- 0012A
- 0031A

MHCP will reprocess claims to apply the Medicare allowable amount. The cost-sharing copay and family deductible will be deducted from the allowable amount until system changes are made. **You should not collect the copay or family deductible amount from the member.** MHCP will reprocess claims after the system changes are complete. (pub. 5/19/21)

Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine administration expanded to ages 12-15

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) expanded the emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to prevent COVID-19 to include adolescents 12-15 years old, effective May 10, 2021. The FDA amended the EUA originally issued on Dec. 11, 2020, for administration in individuals 16 years of age and older. You may now submit claims. Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) will cover administration codes 0001A and 0002A for procedure code 91300 retroactive to dates of service on or after May 10, 2021, for the expansion of administering the COVID vaccine 91300 to ages 12-15 years.

The covered codes can be found on the [MHCP fee schedule](https://www.mn.gov/mhealthcareprograms/index.jsp) webpage. COVID-19 vaccine billing instructions can be found under Billing in the [Coronavirus (COVID-19)](https://www.mn.gov/mhealthcareprograms/index.jsp) section of the MHCP Provider Manual. (pub. 5/19/21)

Customized living services license requirements update

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS), in collaboration with Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), has notified you of important changes to the assisted living licensure requirements and the impact on your ability to provide customized living services to people on Elderly Waiver (EW), Brain Injury (BI), and Community Access for Disability Inclusion (CADI) waivers, effective Aug. 1, 2021.

This message is to update information we shared with you in the two previous memos about settings where providers can deliver customized living services without an assisted living facility license.

- “New Assisted Living Licensing Requirement” sent Feb. 18, 2021
- “New License Required For Customized Living Services Providers – Action Needed” sent Apr. 1, 2021

Update about unlicensed settings

DHS anticipates that the Minnesota Legislature will pass language during the 2021 legislative session to allow providers
to deliver customized living services without the new assisted living facility license if they are licensed as a comprehensive home care provider under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144A, and are delivering services in certain types of settings exempted from licensure in 144G.08 subd. 7. The Legislature is currently considering a bill that will define these settings. The specific settings may be different from what we communicated previously. We are waiting for legislative action on the bill and will provide finalized information in a news message on the Provider news and updates webpage as soon as possible.

**Provider Eligibility and Compliance is now accepting customized living services enrollment applications**

From now through July 31, 2021, to help providers transition, Provider Eligibility and Compliance is allowing the following providers to submit their customized living services enrollment applications while waiting for licensing approval.

- Providers waiting for MDH to approve their conversion license application and who need to enroll their other practice locations not enrolled with Minnesota Health Care Programs.
- Providers who hold a housing with services certificate who want to transition to the assisted living facility license, but who are not enrolled to provide customized living services.

You must submit a copy of the confirmation email you received from MDH to DHS as proof you have already applied for a license. You will need to submit a copy of your license to DHS after you receive it to complete your enrollment. After July 31, 2021, all providers must obtain their license before submitting their enrollment application.

Providers can enroll with MHCP or make enrollment requests for customized living services using the MPSE portal or fax the enrollment forms to 651-431-7493. Refer to the [Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Programs Provider Enrollment webpage](#) for more information. (pub. 5/17/21)

**Durable medical equipment providers asked for input about proposals**

Minnesota Department of Human Services undertook a comprehensive review of our rates for durable medical equipment, supplies, and prosthetics and orthotics following the initiation of the durable medical equipment (DME) upper payment limit requirements. We identified a number of areas where our current pricing methodologies have errors or do not otherwise conform with the requirements of current statutes and rules. These areas include:

- Competitive and non-competitive bid rates
- Enteral products and supplies
- Specialized tracheostomy tubes and supplies
- Miscellaneous product codes pricing list
- 50th percentile pricing
- Note screen pricing
- Repairs
- Capped rental lists
- 9.5% add on for competitive bid codes

We have proposed resolutions to these issues and would like to get input from affected DME providers. We will discuss proposals with providers online on the following dates and times:

- Wednesday, June 9, 2021, beginning at 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 30, 2021, beginning at 1 p.m. Final proposals will be presented at this meeting based on provider input from the May 19 and June 9 meetings.

You do not have to attend all meetings. Email Megan Warfield-Kimball (Benefit Policy Specialist) at megan.warfield-kimball@state.mn.us if you want information about the proposals or are interested in participating in any of these meetings. (pub. 5/11/21)

**Individualized Education Program (IEP) Services 2019-20 Annual Data Report Form due July 5, 2021**

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) will collect the final data for IEP services claims for the 2019-20 school year after the June 30, 2021, claim submission deadline. Schools must submit their completed [IEP Services Annual Data Report (DHS-5052)](#) to DHS no later than July 5, 2021.

To complete the report, you must:
• Bill, receive payments and report all required cost data through the Special Education Data Reporting Application (SEDRA) of the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), and
• Report the total direct service time and encounter data to DHS using the IEP Services Annual Data Report Form

If you do not submit the required cost data for the IEP services that you provided during the 2019-2020 school year and for which you received payments, the final rate for that service will be $0.00.

You must submit total direct service hours and encounters for each of the following covered IEP services:
• Physical therapy
• Occupational therapy
• Speech, language, pathology and audiology services
• Mental health services
• Nursing services
• Personal care assistance services
• Interpreter services

You must also report the total number of special transportation trips and the total number of Medical Assistance-eligible children who received special transportation during the 2019-20 school year.

If you have questions about the required documentation, please call Jesusa Williams at 651-431-2538, or email jesusawilliams@state.mn.us. Email the Special Education Funding and Data Team of MDE at mde.spedfunding@state.mn.us if you have questions about SEDRA. (pub. 5/11/21)

REVISED: Category of service edit for Janssen COVID-19 vaccine administration code

We are aware of the category of service edit for Janssen COVID-19 vaccine administration code 0031A. We are currently working on a system edit. Continue to bill as instructed in the Billing section of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Minnesota Health Care Programs Provider Manual section. Watch for a future provider news message on this webpage regarding updates and billing. (pub. 5/11/21, rev. 5/21/21)

Training

Minnesota Provider Screening and Enrollment (MPSE) portal training for existing customized living services providers enrolled in MHCP

Minnesota Department of Human Services will offer training to existing customized living services providers on how to use the Minnesota Provider Screening and Enrollment (MPSE) portal to update credentials or submit a new enrollment application to Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP).

Upcoming training dates and times:
Webinars are available on the following dates from 9 a.m. to noon. You can register for a training session by clicking the date of the training you would like to attend.

• Friday, June 11, 2021
• Friday, June 25, 2021
• Friday, July 9, 2021
• Friday, July 23, 2021

Prerequisites
Before attending the training session, you must watch the following on-demand videos for the MPSE portal:

1. Introduction to the MPSE Portal
2. Managing User Roles in MPSE
3. Introduction to Owners and Authorized Persons in MPSE
4. MPSE Portal Registration for New Provider Enrollers
New enrolling providers must complete the MPSE registration and successfully log into MN–ITS before this training.

**Webinar information**
You will receive an email with a link to the training you registered for. A reminder email will be sent 24 hours before the scheduled training.

Participants will:

- Connect to the webinar from their own computers and do not need special hardware or software.
- Communicate with presenters using the chat feature available as part of the webinar session.

Participants need the following to attend the webinar sessions:

- Internet access.
- Speakers or headset.

**New Customized Living Services Webpage**
See the new [License requirement changes for customized living services providers](#) webpage for information about the new license requirement for customized living services providers.

Also, see the Minnesota Department of Health’s [Assisted Living Resources & Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)](#) webpage. (pub. 5/17/21)

**Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) on-demand video and online training updates**

MHCP offers training for providers who provide services for members enrolled in MHCP. On-demand and online training opportunities have been updated and can be found on the [MHCP provider training](#) webpage.

**On-demand videos**
On-demand videos are arranged by category, including Minnesota Provider Screening and Enrollment Portal (MPSE), MN–ITS and Billing. Each video can be viewed in 10 minutes or less and provides instructions on a concept or technique.

**Online training**
Online training is arranged by content for all providers or specific providers. Training is led by an instructor who will help attendees navigate the Minnesota Department of Human Services website and locate and use MHCP provider information and other related webpages or internet-based applications such as MN–ITS. Due to COVID-19, all instructor-led training is online only. We will update you on this webpage when, and if, we will continue in-person training. We have recently updated the look of the provider-specific training webpages and added the 2021 training dates. (pub. 12/22/20)

**Free online Resources and MN–ITS training available**

Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) offers free online training for MHCP-enrolled providers. Go to the [MHCP provider training](#) webpage to see the list of available training.

We have added new training sessions for the following service providers:

- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities
- Waiver and Alternative Care

(pub. 6/22/21)
Changes to Waiver and Alternative Care (AC) Resources and MN–ITS Training sessions

We have made changes to the Waiver and AC Resources and MN–ITS training due to feedback we received from providers via the Minnesota Health Care Programs provider training surveys. Training will now be offered in two half-day sessions instead of one full-day session. This change will be effective starting August 2021. See the Waiver and AC Resources and MN–ITS Training webpage for more information. (pub. 6/23/21)

School-Based Community Services (SBCS) MN–ITS training available

Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) offers SBCS MN–ITS billing training to enrolled MHCP Minnesota Public Schools who wish to provide and bill for SBCS. MHCP will be providing training online through a webinar. Visit the SBCS MN–ITS billing training webpage to see dates, registration and more information. (pub. 6/8/21)

Free online Provider Basics and MN–ITS training available

Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) is offering free online Provider Basics Resources and MN–ITS training to all enrolled MHCP providers who bill fee-for-services claims. This training is being offered monthly beginning Mar. 10, 2021.

You will learn how to navigate the MHCP provider webpages and the MHCP provider manual, and how to use MN–ITS administration, mailbox and eligibility requests (270/271) features. Go to the Provider Basics webpage to register for this training.

Claim training is not provided in this training. See our MHCP provider training webpage to register for provider-specific claim training. (pub. 2/11/21)

New on-demand training videos added

Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) offers free on-demand training videos arranged by category on the MHCP provider training webpage. Each video can be viewed in 10 minutes or less and provides instructions on a concept or technique.

New videos:

- **Entering Coordination of Benefits (COB) into an 837I Inpatient Claim**: This video demonstrates how to enter Medicare Part A and a Medicare Supplement into an Institutional Claim in MN–ITS.
- **Validating a Claim in MN–ITS**: This video demonstrates how to validate a claim using the X12 External Code Lists.

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Free online Minnesota Provider Screening and Enrollment (MPSE) training available, new videos added

Minnesota Health Care Programs is providing free online training for our MPSE online portal.

We have added two new videos:

- **Managing Existing Affiliations to an Individual Provider in MPSE**
- **Managing Existing Affiliations to a Direct Support Worker in MPSE**

See the MPSE portal training webpage for registration, brief online tutorials to help prepare you for class and more information. (pub. 2/1/20, rev. 2/19/20)

Additional information

- **Provider news and updates archive**
• MHCP provider policies and procedures
• Latest Manual Revisions
• Grants and requests for proposals

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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