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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.

**Revised: Updates to the “License requirement changes for customized living services providers” webpage**

The Minnesota Department of Human Services has updated information on the [License requirement changes for customized living services providers](https://www2.dhs.state.mn.us/ProviderGuide/Enforcement/CustomizedLivingServicesLicenseChanges2021) webpage.

- The Minnesota Legislature passed language in the Health and Human Services Omnibus bill defining which providers can deliver customized living services without the new assisted living facility license. Click the **Am I exempt from this licensure change?** toggle to see more information about the exemption requirements.

- Provider Eligibility and Compliance has added a PDF with step-by-step instructions to help providers upload their assisted living facility license in the Minnesota Provider Screening and Enrollment (MPSE) portal. The [customized living services PDF](https://www2.dhs.state.mn.us/ProviderGuide/Enforcement/CustomizedLivingServicesLicenseChanges2021) is in the **Providers currently enrolled to provide customized living services** toggle on the website.

(pub. 7/20/21, rev. 8/2/21)

**Substance Use Disorder (SUD) providers must request client spenddown amounts**

SUD providers must request the spenddown amounts from their clients effective immediately. Minnesota Department of Human Services no longer had authority to pay spenddown amounts for SUD clients beginning Aug. 1, 2020. This change is effective for claims with a date of service on or after Aug. 1, 2020.

Refer to [Spenddowns](https://www2.dhs.state.mn.us/ProviderGuide/FinancialManagement/Spenddowns) in the Billing the Member (Recipient) section of the Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) Provider Manual for more information.

Call the [MHCP Provider Call Center](tel:651-431-2700) at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 if you have questions about this message. (pub. 7/30/21)

**Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI) legislative updates**

The following is a summary of the changes to EIDBI services that happened during the 2021 Minnesota Legislative Session. Visit the [Minnesota Session Laws - 2021, 1st Special Session](https://www2.dhs.state.mn.us/ProviderGuide/Enforcement/EarlyIntensiveDevelopmentalBehavioralIntervention) webpage to review the changes.

**Background studies**

EIDBI providers will soon be required to complete all background studies through the commissioner's [NETStudy 2.0 system](https://www2.dhs.state.mn.us/NETStudy2.0). We will update you on this change on this webpage.

The following updates are effective July 1, 2021.
Telehealth

- Replaced “telemedicine” language with “telehealth”
- Removed “face-to-face” language from coordinated care conference and intervention service description
- Replaced “face-to-face” in the travel service description with “in-person”

Other EIDBI service provisions are impacted by the Minnesota Telehealth Act.

- EIDBI services delivered via telehealth must now be delivered with the same service thresholds, authorization requirements and reimbursement rates as services delivered in-person as outlined on the EIDBI billing grid
- Until July 1, 2023, telehealth also includes audio-only communication between a health care provider and a participant according to subdivision 6, paragraph (b) of the Minnesota Telehealth Act.

We updated Telehealth EIDBI policy manual to reflect these changes. See the EIDBI - Telehealth services policy manual webpage

Definitions impacted by uniform standards

- The definition of mental health professional has been updated (Minnesota Statutes 256B.0949, subdivision 2 has been amended by Chapter 30, Article 17, Section 104)
- The definition of standard diagnostic assessment has been updated (Minnesota Statutes 256B.0949, subdivision 4 has been amended by Chapter 30, Article 17, Section 105)
- The definition of clinical trainee has been updated (Minnesota Statutes 256B.0949, subdivision 5a has been amended by Chapter 30, Article 17, Section 106)

Questions
Email ASD.DHS@state.mn.us if you have questions about these EIDBI legislative updates. (pub. 7/22/21)

90-Day Supply Prescription Drug List for fee-for-service (FFS) medical assistance (MA) members public comment period open

Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) is requesting public comments on the 90-Day Supply Prescription Drug List for FFS MA members. See the 90-Day Supply Prescription Drug List (PDF) to review the list.

Prescription drugs on this list will be covered for up to a 90-day supply in a single pharmacy claim based on maximum daily dosage established by the FDA. The 90-Day Supply Prescription Drug List will replace the 90-day supply waiver that was established during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The 90-day supply prescription drug list includes cost-effective FDA-approved legend generic drugs that are typically used for at least 90 days. The 90-Day Supply Prescription Drug List does not include brand-name drugs, controlled substances or drugs associated with an elevated potential for misuse.

FFS MA members are not required to fill a 90-day supply if their prescribed drugs are on the 90-Day Supply Prescription Drug List. DHS expects prescribers and pharmacists to continue to use their professional and clinical judgment as to the appropriate quantity to dispense to members.

DHS plans on reviewing the list at least twice annually to ensure that it is clinically appropriate, cost-effective and considers the impact of social determinants of health. DHS is requesting comments from all interested persons and entities regarding the initial 90-day supply prescription drug list in order to guide creation of an equitable policy that best serves Medical Assistance members. Comments can be submitted by emailing chad.hope@state.mn.us no later than 5 p.m. Aug. 8, 2021. (pub. 7/22/21)

OBRA Level II evaluative report submissions returning to pre-COVID-19 timelines

Lead agencies must return to the original practice of completing the OBRA Level II evaluative report before the person enters the nursing facility effective Aug. 31, 2021.

View the full Joint AASD, BHD and DSD eList announcement Joint message about OBRA II timelines from DHS Aging and Adult Services, Behavioral Health and Disability Services divisions for more information. Email dsd.obra@state.mn.us with questions about this message. (pub. 7/22/21)
Meet and greet for Early Intensive Developmental Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI) providers and managed care organizations (MCOs) planned

The EIDBI team will host a meet and greet for EIDBI providers and MCOs on Sept. 14, 2021, from 3 until 4 p.m. online via Webex.

This event is for EIDBI providers who want to increase their ability to serve children on Minnesota Medicaid.

MCO representatives will present to EIDBI providers. They will share information about where they serve, who to contact, how to get credentialed, how to submit authorizations and more.

Registration is required. Visit the Register for MCO event for EIDBI Providers webpage to register.

Email the EIDBI policy team at ASD.DHS@state.mn.us if you have questions about this event. (pub. 7/22/21)

Rate reduction update for Housing Support Supplemental Services

Minnesota Department of Human Services Housing Support team has successfully completed most of the required supplemental service rate reductions for cases that are approved for Housing Stabilization Services and connected to the following Housing Support Supplemental Services programs:

- Long-term Homeless Supportive Housing
- Metro Demo
- Housing with Services Independent Living

Updated service authorizations for impacted cases will appear in your MN–ITS mailbox. Use the updated service authorization to bill for supplemental services. Contact us at dhs.dhs.grh@state.mn.us if you have not received a revised service authorization for a case that you believe should have a reduced rate.

We will continue to monitor new Housing Stabilization Services approvals and revise service agreements for cases that are associated with Housing Support Supplemental Services programs that require service rate reductions. (pub. 7/20/21)

Updates to the License requirement changes for customized living services providers webpage

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The Minnesota Legislature passed language in the Health and Human Services Omnibus bill defining which providers can deliver customized living services without the new assisted living facility license. Click the Am I excluded from this licensure change? toggle on the License requirement changes for customized living services providers webpage to see the exemption requirements. (pub. 7/20/21)

HID resolves Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) drug prior authorization (PA) requests fax number issue, resume using 866-648-4574

The Minnesota Department of Human Services contracts with Health Information Designs (HID), the MHCP Prescription Drug PA Review Agent, to provide drug prior authorization services. HID has resolved the issue it had with the fax line, 866-648-4574. Please resume faxing all MHCP drug prior authorization requests to 866-648-4574. (pub. 7/19/21)
Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI) policy updates due to end of State’s COVID-19 peacetime emergency

The Minnesota COVID-19 peacetime emergency ended July 1, 2021, and the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) will end some temporary peacetime emergency EIDBI changes and keep others based on new legislation and feedback from stakeholders throughout the past year.

Changes remaining in effect
The following changes will remain in effect:

- EIDBI providers will be able to continue to provide EIDBI intervention services (specifically, service codes 97153 and 97154) to a person via telehealth when medically necessary and appropriate for the person and family. Medical necessity is determined by the EIDBI provider or qualified supervising professional, in consultation with the DHS EIDBI policy team, if necessary. This is a change to the policy on EIDBI Intervention. See the Intervention EIDBI policy manual webpage.
- EIDBI providers will be able to continue to provide family caregiver training and counseling services without intervention or other EIDBI services. See the Family/caregiver training and counseling EIDBI policy manual webpage.

Changes that will expire
The state peacetime emergency ended July 1, 2021. The following changes will expire at the end of the 60-day transition period, which runs July 2, 2021, through Aug. 30, 2021:

- EIDBI providers must now request an exception on the comprehensive multi-disciplinary evaluation (CMDE) if a member requires an exception to the recommended medical necessity guidelines. See the Comprehensive multi-disciplinary evaluation (CMDE) and Medical necessity criteria webpages of the EIDBI policy manual.
- DHS will now require progress monitoring updates to the individual treatment plan (ITP) and annual updates to the CMDE to continue authorization for EIDBI services. We will no longer approve service authorizations after Sept. 1, 2021, without an updated ITP or CMDE. See the Individual treatment plan (ITP) development and progress monitoring and Comprehensive multi-disciplinary evaluation (CMDE) webpages of the EIDBI policy manual.
- A well-child checkup or medical evaluation within the past 12 months is now required for initial CMDEs and annual updates. Providers may still cite a screening exception under the Child and Teen Checkup guidelines. See the Child and Teen Checkups (C&TC) section of the Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) provider manual.

The status of COVID Waivers and modifications not specific to EIDBI, such as telehealth, will be communicated through Minnesota Health Care Programs.

Questions
Email the EIDBI policy team at ASD.DHS@state.mn.us if you have questions about this message. (pub. 7/16/21)

Training for currently enrolled PCPO agencies is now available

Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) has begun the transition for currently enrolled personal care provider organization (PCPO) agencies to Community First Services and Supports (CFSS) agencies. Two online training modules and tests will be available during the transition.

Personal Care Assistance (PCA) Qualified Professional Training
Qualified professionals who are hired to provide supervision for individual workers at a PCPO are required to have credentials from the Steps for Success training. Right now, we are not offering PCA Steps for Success, so you will earn a certificate by completing this training and passing a test to meet the credentialing requirements for qualified professionals. QPs are expected to have this credential within six months of hire.

CFSS training for current PCA agencies
This CFSS transition training is for all current PCPO owners, managers and qualified professionals. After reviewing the training, all PCA agency owners, managers and QPs must pass a test on the content.

For agencies taking the CFSS training for current PCA agencies, remember that each owner, manager and QP will need their own certificate to meet the credentialing requirement. To add CFSS codes to your already existing record, you will
need to submit these certificates along with all current bonds and insurance documents. Documents can be faxed to 651-431-7465.

To register for either training, visit Personal Care Assistance (PCA) and Community First Services and Supports (CFSS) Training and Tests, select the training from the drop-down menu, enter your information and check your email for next steps.

Call the Minnesota Health Care Programs Provider Call Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411, option 4, if you have questions about this message. (pub. 7/15/21)

Nonemergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) driver enrollment required, enrollment process has begun

Minnesota legislation beginning on July 1, 2021, requires NEMT drivers to enroll with Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) and be affiliated with the NEMT provider organization by July 1, 2022. MHCP began enrolling NEMT drivers July 1, 2021.

Publicly operated transit systems, volunteers, not-for-hire vehicles and ambulance services are exempt from the requirements.

**NEMT drivers**

Providers must have their drivers enrolled by July 1, 2022.

Refer to the Transportation Enrollment Criteria and Forms webpage for enrollment instructions and other enrollment information.

**Local county and tribal agencies**

Local county and tribal agencies can start using the transportation driver’s UMPI as the rendering provider on claims after the driver is enrolled with MHCP.

MHCP will post a list of all enrolled NEMT drivers in MN–ITS by the middle of July. We will have more information when the list is ready to post. Providers must enroll drivers by July 1, 2022, to avoid denied claims.

Contact the MHCP Provider Call Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 if you have questions about this message. (pub. 7/8/21)

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)

Revised: 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 serving four or fewer people 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, rev. 7/16/21)

**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)

**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)

**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)

**COVID-19 vaccine administration payment increase**

New state law [HF 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)
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 date and time:
A webinar is available July 23, 2021, from 9 a.m. to noon. You can register by clicking the date of the training.

- 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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