

March 24-April 6, 2026

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News and resources for providers enrolled to serve Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) members. Get provider news and other MHCP updates through our [free provider email lists](#).

## Systems announcements

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

### Revised: MN–ITS and SFTP systems availability April 18 and 19

We have revised this message to change the maintenance dates to April 18 and 19. The MN–ITS and SFTP systems will be unavailable beginning 6 a.m. April 18 through 8 p.m. April 19 due to system maintenance. Users will not be able to log in to MN–ITS and SFTP during the maintenance. All applications will be unavailable including MN–ITS, MPSE, Core II, Claims, Eligibility, IVR, SFTP. (pub. 2/24/26, rev. 3/5/26, rev. 3/25/26)

### Revised: SFTP data migration retention schedule

We have revised this message to change the dates to April 18 and 19. We will change the retention schedule of MN–ITS files stored on DHS SFTP beginning 6 a.m. April 18, 2026, to accommodate a data migration effort. This is a one-time change for the migration. We will resume the 30-day retention schedule after the data migration is completed at 8 p.m. April 19. You should download all files needed before the migration. Files will only be accessible to download from MN–ITS after the deletion of the files on SFTP. This data migration and retention is only for files stored on SFTP and not those stored in the MN–ITS mailbox.

Users accessing the service via FTP or SSH clients (for example, FileZilla, WinSCP, etc.) will still have between 3-7 days of each file type after the migration. (pub. 2/24/26, rev. 3/5/26, rev. 3/25/26).

## Fighting fraud, waste and abuse

- [Frequently asked questions](#) for the **pre-payment review** process announced by [Governor Walz on Oct. 29, 2025](#).
- [Provider frequently asked questions](#) and [Minnesota Revalidate 2026](#) for the current **off-cycle revalidation** effort.
- [Medicaid program integrity](#) for the department's broader **program integrity** efforts.

## (Feb. 24) Minnesota Department of Human Services will call providers included in off-cycle revalidation

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Starting the first week in March 2026, the Minnesota Department of Human Services will call providers who are included in off-cycle revalidation. This message is to alert providers that these are legitimate, planned calls that will come from the phone number 651-431-2700.

These upcoming calls will:

1. notify providers that they are subject to the revalidation process, and
2. direct providers to submit the required materials.

The department will call during regular business hours and will not ask for protected health information. Refer to the [Minnesota Revalidate 2026](#) webpage for answers to frequently asked questions. (pub. 2/24/26)

## (Feb. 17) Temporary licensing moratorium for adult day care center

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The Minnesota Department of Human Services will temporarily stop issuing licenses for adult day care centers effective Feb. 1, 2026. We expect this moratorium to be in effect until Jan. 31, 2028.

Under this licensing pause, the department will:

- Stop accepting new applications for adult day care licenses.
- Cancel all submitted applications currently pending.

Starting Feb. 1, 2026, there will be a process for lead agencies (counties and managed care organizations) or Tribal Nations to request an exception to the license moratorium if they meet specific criteria.

For more information, refer to the [Licensing help for adult day providers](#) webpage. (pub. 2/17/26)

## (Feb. 13) Check your MN–ITS mailbox often for pre-payment review documentation requests

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We have begun placing letters in providers' MN–ITS mailboxes requesting documentation for claims in the pre-payment review process. You should check your MN–ITS mailbox often to see if you've received any requests. You will find the letters in the PREPAYDOCREQUEST folder of your MN–ITS mailbox if you have received a request. The PREPAYDOCREQUEST folder will only appear in your MN–ITS mailbox if you have received a request. We may suspend future payments if you don't reply to our request. (pub. 2/13/26)

## (Feb. 10) Off-cycle revalidation background studies update

**This message is a follow-up to the “Providers of high-risk services require enhanced enrollment screening” message posted on this webpage Jan. 22, 2026. It includes background study information for providers or services without or with access to NETStudy 2.0.**

### Providers without access to NETStudy 2.0

All direct and indirect owners (with an ownership interest of 5% or more) providing the services in the following bulleted list must have a completed fingerprint background study with either an “eligible” or “set-aside” determination before submitting a revalidation request. Providers of the following services can refer to the [Off-Cycle Revalidation Background Studies for High-Risk Providers](#) webpage for directions about completing a background study without NETStudy 2.0 access. The information includes what to do if you are an owner providing more than one high-risk service:

- Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health Services
- Assertive Community Treatment
- Peer Recovery – Recovery Community Organizations
- Recuperative Care

### Providers with access to NETStudy 2.0

All direct and indirect owners (with an ownership interest of 5% or more) providing the services in the following bulleted list must also have a valid fingerprint-based background study, but **conducted through NETStudy 2.0**, before submitting a revalidation request. Owners who already have a valid fingerprint-based background study in NETStudy 2.0 with either an “eligible” or “set-aside” determination **do not need a new study for that specific service**. If you are an owner providing more than one high-risk service, refer to the “What if I own more than one high-risk program?” section on the [Off-Cycle Revalidation Background Studies for High-Risk Providers](#) webpage.

- Adult Day Care
- Community First Services and Supports agencies and Personal Care Provider Organizations
- Companion Care
- Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention agencies
- Individualized Home Supports
- Integrated Community Supports
- Intensive Residential Treatment Services
- Night Supervision
- Nonemergency Medical Transportation
- Substance Use Disorder providers delivering Peer Recovery services

(pub. 2/10/26)

## (Feb. 10) Minnesota Revalidate 2026 provider revalidation effort underway

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The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is requiring Minnesota to revalidate providers who deliver high-risk services or is threatening to withhold up to \$2 billion from Minnesota's Medicaid program. Minnesota Revalidate 2026 is an urgent statewide Medicaid provider revalidation effort that launched Jan. 26, 2026, intended to prevent the withhold. Providers who deliver services that were designated as high risk in [Governor Walz's Oct. 29, 2025, announcement](#) ordering a third-party audit of Medicaid billing must successfully complete a revalidation by May 31, 2026. Refer to the [Minnesota Revalidate 2026](#) webpage to review frequently asked questions about provider revalidation and this effort. (pub. 2/10/26)

## (Jan. 30) Minnesota Department of Human Services freezes provider enrollment for 13 Medicaid services

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Effective Jan. 27, 2026, and in coordination with the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Minnesota has implemented a freeze on new provider enrollments for 13 Medicaid service categories identified as high risk for fraud. (Note: A freeze on enrollment of EIDBI providers previously went into effect on Nov. 1, 2025.) Importantly, this action does not affect member enrollment.

Refer to the [Minnesota Department of Human Services freezes provider enrollment for 13 Medicaid services](#) email we sent Jan. 30, 2026, to learn more about the enrollment freeze. (pub. 1/30/26)

## (Jan. 22) Providers of high-risk services require enhanced enrollment screening

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Effective immediately, all provider types and services in the following list are designated as **high risk** and are subject to enhanced screening requirements:

1. Adult Day Care
2. Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health Services
3. Assertive Community Treatment
4. Community First Services and Supports Agency and Personal Care Provider Organizations
5. Companion Care
6. Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention Agencies
7. Individualized Home Supports
8. Integrated Community Supports
9. Intensive Residential Treatment
10. Night Supervision
11. Non-Emergency Medical Transportation
12. Peer Recovery
13. Recuperative Care

Providers enrolled in one of the provider types or services identified as high risk are required to complete an **off-cycle revalidation** as soon as possible. Beginning **Jan. 23 through Jan. 28, 2026**, Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) will begin sending revalidation notices. Check your MN-ITS mailbox "PRVLTR" folder for a revalidation letter, which will include instructions for completing the process. Providers without an active MN-ITS mailbox will receive their notification by U.S. mail.

We highly recommend you use the Minnesota Provider Screening and Enrollment (MPSE) portal to complete your revalidation. This will allow you to track the progress of your revalidation. Refer to the [MPSE Portal Training](#) webpage for resources on using MPSE and to find a link to attend a technical assistance session.

If you have recently completed a revalidation request, you must also comply with this off-cycle revalidation to remain an MHCP provider. If you previously submitted your revalidation request and it is pending processing, MHCP will reach out to you via MN-ITS or U.S. mail.

An **application fee is required** for the off-cycle revalidation for institutional providers. Refer to the [Application Fees](#) section for more information.

As a result of your provider or service type being designated as high risk, you must complete the following additional screening requirements:

1. **Fingerprint-based criminal background studies** are required for all direct and indirect owners with an ownership interest of 5% or more. Each owner must have a completed background study on file. There is a required background study fee of \$44 to submit each background study. There is also a fingerprint fee, which will vary depending on where the fingerprinting is obtained. These fees are separate from the application fee.
  - The following provider types must complete a fingerprint-based criminal background study through NETStudy 2.0 for every direct or indirect owner with an ownership interest of 5% or more prior to submitting a revalidation request. The fingerprint-based criminal background study must receive either an "eligible" or "set-aside" determination from MHCP to revalidate:
    - Adult Day Care
    - Community First Services and Supports Agency and Personal Care Provider Organizations
    - Companion Care
    - Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention Agencies
    - Individualized Home Supports
    - Integrated Community Supports
    - Intensive Residential Treatment
    - Night Supervision
    - Non-Emergency Medical Transportation
    - Substance Used Disorder provider type delivering Peer Recovery
  - **The following provider types or services will not have access to NETStudy 2.0 (we will provide more information soon regarding how to complete required background studies for these provider types):**
    - Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health Services
    - Assertive Community Treatment
    - Peer Recovery – Recovery Community Organizations
    - Recuperative Care
2. **Pass an unannounced site visit.** Once we have reviewed all your enrollment documents, we will refer your agency for an unannounced site visit.

Your revalidation is not considered complete until you receive a "Revalidation Complete" letter.

Respond promptly to the revalidation request. Failure to comply will result in termination of your MHCP provider enrollment.

Call the MHCP Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 if you have any questions about this message. (pub. 1/22/26)

## **(Jan. 8) Minnesota Department of Human Services to freeze provider enrollment for 13 Medicaid services**

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**Refer to the Jan. 30 message titled Minnesota Department of Human Services freezes provider enrollment for 13 Medicaid services for updated information.** The Minnesota Department of Human Services will freeze new provider enrollments in [13 categories of Medicaid services](#) at high risk for fraud. The department is working with the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to implement the freeze, at which point the state will no longer accept new applications from businesses seeking to provide these services.

A start date for the freeze is not yet determined. The pause is initially slated to last six months.

CMS directed Minnesota to freeze new provider enrollments in 13 high-risk categories as a fraud-fighting measure. The Minnesota Department of Human Services had already announced two-year licensing freezes on home and community-based services and adult day programs, effectively limiting new provider enrollment in those services.

Currently enrolled providers can continue to serve clients in the service areas they are already approved to provide. This action does not freeze member enrollment.

To ensure Minnesotans can receive critical services everywhere they live, the department will issue exceptions to add new providers where capacity is needed. Exceptions will require written approval from CMS.

Additionally, we are working with CMS so we can develop the necessary operational processes and system updates, including determining how applications in queue will be handled. We will share more information as soon as it is available.

Read the [Minnesota Department of Human Services to freeze provider enrollment for 13 Medicaid services](#) news release for more information about this change. (pub. 1/8/26)

## **(Jan. 7) Some claims suspended for pre-payment review anticipated to be paid sooner than originally communicated**

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The Minnesota Department of Human Services anticipates releasing some payments related to claims we suspended for pre-payment review (in the Dec. 13 - Dec. 23 warrant cycle) earlier than originally communicated. We anticipate many of these payments will be made as part of the Jan. 13, 2026, warrant cycle. (pub. 1/7/26)

## **(Dec. 31) All claims for high-risk services will be held for pre-payment review**

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This message is to clarify the Dec. 24, 2025, Provider News message about the [pre-payment review process](#) mandated by Governor Walz to combat fraud and abuse.

We announced that all claims identified as high-risk services would appear as “suspended” on the Dec. 30, 2025, [remittance advice](#).

However, our system did not flag **all** impacted claims as “suspended.” Some claims will appear in “to be paid” status even though they are being held for pre-payment review. This only affects claims from the Dec. 13 to Dec. 23, 2025, warrant cycle. These claims will not appear on the remittance advice until they are released for payment or denial. You can submit a **Request Claim Status** in MN-ITS or batch and this will show the **claim status category P1** and **claim status 3** under **claim information**.

We have updated our system to place all high-risk claims in “suspended” status going forward.

“Suspended” status means DHS will review claims in the weeks after a [warrant cycle](#) ends. We will release proper payments after payment integrity is verified.

Providers may experience a difference in how quickly they get reimbursed because of the pre-payment review process. For example, a provider may historically have received reimbursement about every 14 days, but the pre-payment review process may result in a longer timeframe. The review process may take up to the following mandated claim review timeframes before reimbursement is received.

- 30 days to pay or deny clean claims (without attachments)
- 90 days to pay or deny complex claims (replacement claims, Medicare crossovers, third-party liability claims, claims with information in the notes or comment fields, claims with attachments, and claims placed in a “suspended” status)

Additionally, the DHS Commissioner has the legislative authority to suspend and perform a deeper analysis on any claims which may be potentially suspect for fraud, waste or abuse.

Review the online [pre-payment review FAQs](#), check your MN-ITS mailbox and sign up for email alerts for the most up-to-date information. (pub. 12/31/25)

## **(Dec. 24) Update on pre-payment review**

**We have clarified this message with a new message. Please refer to the All claims for high-risk services will be held for pre-payment review message we published on this webpage Dec. 31, 2025.** The December 30, 2025, warrant cycle will show claims impacted by the [pre-payment review process](#). These claims will appear in “suspended” status on the [Provider Supplemental Data Remittance Advice](#) (RA02). DHS will review claims suspended for pre-payment review in

the weeks after a [warrant cycle](#) ends, and release proper payments as quickly as possible without jeopardizing efforts to mitigate fraud, waste and abuse. (pub. 12/24/2025)

## (Dec. 16) Adult day care temporary licensing moratorium

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Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) is implementing a temporary licensing moratorium for adult day care. This moratorium will go into effect Feb. 1, 2026, and is anticipated to last 24 months, ending Jan. 31, 2028.

**Under this moratorium, DHS will:**

- **Stop accepting new applications for adult day care licenses,**
- **Cancel all submitted license applications currently in the DHS Licensing Division's queue.**

Review the [Temporary Licensing Moratorium for Adult Day Care](#) bulletin for more information.

We want to clarify that this temporary moratorium is specifically regarding adult day care licenses and does not affect licensed providers who have already submitted enrollment applications to Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) Provider Eligibility and Compliance. Adult Day Care providers may continue to [enroll with Minnesota Health Care Programs](#) and make changes to their current enrollments. Please understand we are currently experiencing a backlog of submissions.

Contact your adult day care licensor or call the DHS Licensing help desk at 651-431-6624 if you have any questions regarding this moratorium. (pub. 12/16/25)

## (Dec. 16) Clarification regarding the 245D temporary licensing moratorium

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Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) published a message on this webpage titled Temporary Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) 245D licensing moratorium on Dec. 4, 2025. We want to clarify that this temporary moratorium is specifically about licensing for HCBS – 245D providers and does not affect licensed providers who have already submitted enrollment applications to Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) Provider Eligibility and Compliance. Review the [Licensing for HCBS – 245D providers](#) webpage for more information. HCBS providers may continue to [enroll with Minnesota Health Care Programs](#) and make changes to their current enrollments. Please understand we are currently experiencing a backlog of submissions.

Call the MHCP Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411, option 4, if you have questions about this message. (pub. 12/16/25)

## (Dec. 4) Temporary Home and Community-Based Services 245D licensing moratorium

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The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) is implementing a temporary 245D licensing moratorium for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS). This moratorium will go into effect on January 1, 2026, with an anticipated duration of 24 months, ending December 31, 2027.

**Under this moratorium, DHS will:**

- **Stop accepting new applications for 245D licenses**
- **Stop adding new service lines to currently licensed providers, and**
- **Cancel all submitted applications currently waiting to be approved.**

Review the [licensing for HCBS – 245D providers](#) webpage for more information. We update this webpage regularly when new information becomes available.

If you have any questions regarding this moratorium, contact your 245D (HCBS) licensor or call the DHS Licensing help desk at 651-431-6624. (pub. 12/4/25)

## (Nov. 6) FAQ webpage available for pre-payment review process

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The Minnesota Department of Human Services has created a [frequently asked questions](#) webpage about the new pre-payment review process that [Governor Walz announced on Oct. 29, 2025](#). Please refer to the FAQ page for the most current information about pre-payment review, and submit additional questions through the email link at the bottom of the page. (pub. 11/6/25)

## (Oct. 29) Governor Walz announces new claims pre-payment review process

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In a coordinated effort to reduce fraud, waste and abuse in Minnesota's Medicaid program, Governor Tim Walz announced on Oct. 29 a new process for Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) to review claims for certain Medicaid benefits and services before they are paid. Read the news release on the governor's office [Press Releases](#) webpage.

This new "pre-payment review" process will be overseen by a third-party vendor, Optum. For 14 specific services that have been identified as high risk, Optum will verify that billed services were necessary, correctly documented and provided before DHS makes payments.

Minnesota Health Care Programs has 30 days to pay or deny clean claims (without attachments), and 90 days to pay or deny complex claims (replacement claims, Medicare crossovers, third-party liability claims, claims with information in the notes or comment fields, or claims with attachments). The DHS Commissioner has the legislative authority to suspend and perform a deeper analysis on any claims which may be potentially suspect with regard to fraud, waste or abuse. There may be payment processing delays as we roll out this new pre-payment review process. We are working with Optum on a regular interval to review any suspended claims for these 14 Medicaid services and will continue to adjudicate claims timely and efficiently without compromising needed review. **DHS is not holding all submitted claims for these 14 Medicaid services for 90 days. Some submitted claims could be suspended for up to 90 days and, of course, some of these claims may be denied.**

DHS recognizes that payment delays have impacts on providers, and we are committed to processing claims as quickly as possible and within the mandated timelines. We appreciate your patience as we initiate and refine our new pre-payment review process. Please continue to provide services to MHCP members and submit your claims as you normally would. We are implementing this new process for fee-for-service claims only.

Pre-payment review will be an ongoing and permanent new business process for DHS as fee-for-service claims come in and before provider payments go out. Importantly, this new safeguard will be tied to **services**, not **provider types**.

For reference, here are the 14 high-risk benefits and services with a link to their Provider Manual sections:

1. [Adult Companion Services](#)
2. [Adult Day Services](#)
3. [Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health Services](#)
4. [Assertive Community Treatment](#)
5. [Community First Services and Supports](#)
6. [Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention](#)
7. [Housing Stabilization Services](#)
8. [Individualized Home Supports](#)
9. [Integrated Community Supports](#)
10. [Intensive Residential Treatment Services](#)
11. [Night Supervision Services](#)
12. [Nonemergency Medical Transportation Services](#)
13. [Recovery Peer Support](#)
14. [Recuperative Care](#)

Continue to submit claims for these services based on information outlined in our MHCP Provider Manual and Community-Based Services Manual. If you have questions, contact the [Provider Resource Center](#). (pub. 10/29/25, rev. 10/31/25)

## Reminders

### (Feb. 6) ACTION REQUIRED: MN–ITS email and phone number validation

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MN–ITS will be moving to LoginMN soon. Log in to MN–ITS and validate your email and phone number. If you do not log in to MN–ITS to validate your email and phone number, your login information will not transfer to LoginMN and you will not be able to access MN–ITS.

Before the move, you will receive a pop-up message in MN–ITS to enter and confirm your work email and phone number. You will only need to complete this once for each username you have for MN–ITS. The email address you use will be your username when we move to LoginMN.

You must use an email address unique to a single user. Do not use a general business email address. For example: Use jane.biller@businessname.com, not info@businessname.com. You should use your same work email and phone number if you currently have multiple MN–ITS account logins. For example: You are a biller for five different providers (NPIs 1234567890, 2345678901, 3456789012, 4567890123, 5678901234), you should use the same email address for all five. Use an email address specific to you, such as jane.biller@businessname.com. (pub. 2/6/26)

### (Jan. 15) Introducing MHCP Provider Connect, a new weekly provider e-newsletter

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The department is launching a new e-newsletter for providers titled [MHCP Provider Connect](#): A weekly roundup of news, updates and reminders to keep Minnesota Health Care Programs providers informed of developments at the Minnesota Department of Human Services. Our goal is help keep you aware of changes that impact your work and the communities we serve together. Sign up for email alerts on the [Email Updates](#) webpage to have these emails sent directly to your inbox. (pub. 1/15/26)

### Check your MN–ITS mailbox regularly

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We recommend providers check their MN–ITS mailbox regularly for important correspondence from Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP). MHCP delivers the following provider information electronically to each provider's MN–ITS mailbox account.

- Provider news and updates
- Enrollment letters
- Medical, dental and service authorization letters
- Remittance advices

Providers are required to verify member eligibility. Use [MN–ITS](#) or call the automated Eligibility Verification System at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 option 1. Review the [Verifying MHCP Eligibility in MN–ITS](#) and [Understanding Eligibility Results in MN–ITS](#) videos for more information.

## News and updates

### (April 6, 2026) Disability waiver amendments approval and rate remediation plans

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The Minnesota Department of Human Services received the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approval for disability waiver amendments on March 25, 2026. Review the Disability Services Division (DSD) eList, [Disability waiver amendments approved by CMS](#), for information about implementation of changes, summary of changes and clarifications.

We also received CMS approval to use the 2026 component values included in both the Feb. 6, 2026, and March 6, 2026, MnCHOICES releases. Review the [2026 MMIS rate remediation plans](#) for information about remediation plans to correct

service rates for lead agencies and providers. Providers will have up to a year from the service date to complete claim voids for rates they want to rebill at the correct rate. DHS will not require forced claim voids for under-billed rates.

Send rates-related questions to [dsd.rates@state.mn.us](mailto:dsd.rates@state.mn.us) and use the [DSD Contact Form](#) for other questions regarding this message. (pub. 4/6/26)

## **(April 2, 2026) Revised: DHS may request medical records for flagged provider claims**

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We revised this message to explain this review process occurs post-payment and is separate from the pre-payment program integrity review process. The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS), in partnership with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) may be reaching out to certain providers to request additional documentation to support specific claims that providers submitted to DHS or a health plan for payment.

If your organization receives this notice, that means that a claim submitted by or on behalf of you or your organization has been identified for review. The notice will reference the claim under review. DHS will complete the review and we will transmit all responsive documents to CMS.

This review process will occur post-payment and is part of the Department's response to the \$259 million CMS Medicaid funding deferral. It is separate from the [pre-payment program integrity review](#) that Governor Walz ordered.

### **What to do if you receive this request?**

Identify the claim immediately and prepare the requested documentation. Your organization will have 15 days from the date of the DHS notice to submit documents.

### **What is DHS requesting?**

All relevant documents that support the payment of the claim in question, including doctor authorizations, assessment notes, units billing, billing records, time schedules and so forth. All providers that participate in Minnesota Health Care Programs are required to maintain records that fully disclose the extent of services provided for a period of five years, and to make that documentation available to DHS upon request.

We will provide further instructions about which documents are needed and how to submit the documentation. If you have any reason to believe you will not have the documents by the deadline, immediately contact the source listed in the notice.

### **Am I allowed to release this documentation to DHS?**

Patient authorization is NOT required for the release of the requested documentation. CMS and DHS will remain in compliance with the Privacy Act and regulations. No reimbursement can be made for the cost of record reproduction or mailing. Providing medical records for Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries does not violate the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

### **What will happen if I don't submit the requested documents by the due date?**

If you fail to deliver the requested documentation or contact us by the due date, you may lose future payment while we recoup any overpayment cited for this claim. Failure to maintain these records or make these records available to DHS upon request may result in further action, including but not limited to, recovery of an overpayment, imposition of a temporary payment withhold or enrollment termination. (Reference Minnesota Statutes, 256B.064) (pub. 3/31/26, rev. 4/2/26)

## **(April 1, 2026) Applications for the Transforming Maternal Health Model in Hennepin County are open**

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The Minnesota Department of Human Services invites you to apply for the Transforming Maternal Health Model (TMaH). TMaH is a new value-based payment model from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) designed to address gaps in maternal health access, quality, and whole-person care through Medicaid. CMS awarded 15 states in 2025, including Minnesota through the Office of the Medicaid Medical Director. The model will pilot in Hennepin County.

We will accept applications online ([Apply to participate in TMaH](#)) April 1 through June 1, 2026.

TMaH providers receive the following:

- Technical assistance and training
- Provider Infrastructure Payments to prepare for value-based payment transformation

With options for contract renewal for:

- Provider Infrastructure Payments
- Upside-only performance incentives
- Value-based payment (VBP) transformation

This value-based payment model will change the way organizations are paid for certain perinatal MA patients.

In a landscape where [maternal health gaps are widening](#) for some Minnesotans and we are facing [unprecedented policy and funding changes](#), we must be strategic with our collaboration, initiatives, and practice. Through TMaH, we aim to bring people together to transform access, quality, and delivery of whole-person maternal care in Hennepin County.

Note, CMS guidance on the proposed VBP strategy is still being finalized, and changes may occur from initial proposals. We have shared Minnesota's feedback on the proposed strategy through our cooperative agreement with CMS. Further CMS guidance will likely address this feedback and the pending unbundling of the global maternity rate (to occur Jan. 1, 2027).

Visit the [Minnesota Transforming Maternal Health Model](#) webpage to learn more about applying, eligibility requirements, and the model. (pub. 4/1/26)

## **(April 1, 2026) People receiving PCA on AC must transition to CFSS before April 1, 2026**

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Minnesota Health Care Programs members on the Alternative Care (AC) program are no longer eligible to receive Personal Care Assistance (PCA) services effective 11:59 p.m., **March 31, 2026**. These members must have transitioned to [Community First Services and Supports \(CFSS\)](#) or an alternative service. Providers may review the [March 10, 2026, DSD eList](#) for the lead agency's guidance to end all PCA services on March 31, 2026.

Providers who still have members on the AC program with approved PCA service authorizations on their service agreements **extending past March 31, 2026**, must contact the member's case manager to transition their PCA services. Providers must work with case managers to transition members to CFSS, another AC service or informal supports to meet the member's personal care needs.

Call the [MHCP Provider Resource Center](#) with any questions about this message at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411. (pub. 4/1/26)

## **(March 26, 2026) Disposable underpads claims reprocessing**

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Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) discovered an Equipment and Supplies claim error. Claims billed with codes T4541 and T4542 (small and large sizes of disposable underpads) were paid in error by exceeding 100 units without authorization. Effective March 1, 2025, the quantity limits for T4541 and T4541 are up to 100 units per month before authorization is required.

We have reprocessed claims that were paid in error with dates of service from March 1, 2025, through March 5, 2026. The reprocessed claims will appear on the March 24, 2026, remittance advice.

Refer to the [Incontinence Products](#) section of the MHCP Provider Manual for coverage information. Contact the [MHCP Provider Resource Center](#) at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 with questions about this message. (pub. 3/26/26)

## **(March 25, 2026) Waiver and AC Resources and MN–ITS Training certificates for March session sent**

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The Minnesota Department of Human Services has sent providers who completed the March 18-19, 2026, Waiver and Alternative Care (AC) Resources and MN–ITS Training session their certificates of completion.

We sent the certificates to providers' MN–ITS mailbox under the national provider identifier (NPI) providers used to register for the training. Providers who completed the entire training should receive their certificate in their [MN–ITS mailbox](#) under "Miscellaneous Received" in the **PRVLTR** folder by the end of the business day March 24, 2026. Call the MHCP Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411, option 4, if you have questions about this message. (pub. 3/25/26)

## **(March 24, 2026) Psychosocial support available to Minnesota's frontline health care professionals**

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Minnesota Department of Human Services in partnership with Greenleaf Interactive is offering psychosocial support to Minnesota's frontline health care professionals via webinars and office hours. The webinars and office hours extend the principles of the Growing in Responsive Care training series. Refer to the [Growing in Responsive Care](#) webpage to learn more about the training series.

### **About the webinars**

The Psychosocial Support Essentials for Minnesota's Helping Professions webinars provide evidence-informed psychoeducation that builds shared understanding of stress, trauma, wellbeing, and effective support under high-demand conditions. Professionals will only need to attend one webinar as the information will be the same at both webinars. The free webinars will be held on the following dates and times and registration is required.

- April 6, 2026, 11 a.m. - noon – Go to the [April 6 Psychosocial Support Essentials for Minnesota's Helping Professions](#) registration webpage to register.
- April 27, 2026, 2 – 3 p.m. – Go to the [April 27 Psychosocial Support Essentials for Minnesota's Helping Professions](#) registration webpage to register.

### **About the office hours**

Frontline support office hours are individual or small-group sessions focused on real-world scenarios affecting staff wellbeing, decision making, team dynamics and service delivery. Office hours are available on the following days and times:

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Office hours are not available on Wednesday. Review the [Frontline Support Office Hours: Applied Guidance for Leaders and Teams](#) calendar to sign up for office hours.

Refer to the [Psychosocial Support for Healthcare Workers \(PDF\)](#) flier to learn more about office hours and the webinar.

### **Growing in Responsive Care Training (GIRC) is now live!**

#### **What is the GIRC Training?**

The Minnesota Department of Human Services Growing in Responsive Care training series aims to equip health care providers with tools to address the impact of trauma and power imbalances in health care settings. The training has been developed to equip providers enrolled in Minnesota Health Care Programs with culturally relevant and trauma-informed knowledge and practices. A series of eight modules lay out effective approaches for providers to engage more and more with the changing patient population. Providers learn how to integrate trauma and cultural considerations to move from being trauma-informed to trauma-responsive, particularly when working with Minnesota's three largest ethnic minority people groups: Latino, Hmong, and Somali.

#### **How do I access the free training?**

You can access the training by visiting the [Growing in Responsive Care](#) webpage. (pub. 3/24/26)

## **(March 23, 2026) Delayed launch of Minnesota’s new disability waiver program**

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The Minnesota Department of Human Services faces challenges that will prevent us from launching Minnesota's new disability waiver program by the original implementation date of Jan. 1, 2027, set by the Legislature.

For more information, refer to [Waiver Reimagine update: Delayed launch of Minnesota’s new disability waiver program](#).

This webpage covers:

- Factors that contributed to the delay
- Current progress, plans and next steps
- Ways to stay connected and receive future updates

(pub. 3/23/26)

## **(March 18, 2026) Applications for Transforming Maternal Health Model contracts available April 1**

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has awarded Minnesota a 10-year Transforming Maternal Health (TMaH) payment model to be administered by the Minnesota Department of Human Services. The model is piloting in Hennepin County.

The model aims to improve maternal health outcomes for Medical Assistance members in Hennepin County through contracts awarded to eligible maternal health care locations.

The TMaH model contract will give eligible locations payment and resources to improve their maternal care services.

Applications will be open for providers April 1, 2026, and must be submitted by June 1, 2026.

The Department will be conducting the following online webinars on the TMaH provider application process:

- March 25, 2026, from 2-3 p.m. Register for [TMaH provider application webinar 1](#)
- March 26, 2026, from noon to 1 p.m. Register for [TMaH provider application webinar 2](#)

To learn more about the TMaH model, eligibility requirements and to apply, visit the [TMaH website](#). (pub. 3/18/26)

## **(March 18, 2026) Reprocessing of claims with edits 249 and 400 for Individualized Education Program (IEP) and school-based community services (SBCS) providers**

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The Minnesota Department of Human Services is aware that a system issue caused some CPT and HCPCS code claims to incorrectly deny including claims with edits 249 and 400. We will automatically reprocess impacted claims. Look for the reprocessed claims on the March 10, 2026, warrant date.

Refer to the PDF titled “Reprocessing of claims update due to different edits impacted” dropped to MN-ITS mailboxes on March 11, 2026, for more information.

Contact the Minnesota Health Care Programs Provider Resource Center at 651-431 2700, option 3 or 800-366 5411, option 3 if you have questions about this message or your claims (pub. 3/18/26)

## **(March 18, 2026) Fee-for-service inpatient hospital Rebase 6 rate implementation complete**

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The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) has completed the implementation of Rebase 6 rates for all fee-for-service inpatient hospital claims with discharge dates on or after July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027. The following is a timeline of the system updates:

- Jan. 9, 2026: Critical Access Hospital (CAH) and Prospective Payment System (PPS) Hospital Rebase 6 rates
- Jan. 21, 2026: Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTH) Rebase 6 rates
- Feb. 4, 2026: The newborn add-on amount increased from \$105 to \$112.35
- Feb. 17, 2026: The mental health (MH) policy adjusters for severity of illness (SOI) 1 & 2 increased as follows:
  - MH SOI 1 increased from 2.09 to 2.54
  - MH SOI 2 increased from 2.24 to 2.62

Note: The initial calculations of the MH policy adjusters did not include the federal match amount. Adding the federal match resulted in approximately \$8.8 million added to the federal share of the \$5.8 million that was authorized by the state legislature.
- March 10, 2026: We reprocessed all fee-for-service inpatient hospital claims with discharge dates on or after July 1, 2025 through Feb. 18, 2026, that were paid at the interim Rebase 5 fee-for-service inpatient rates to pay at the Rebase 6 rates. Look for the reprocessed claims on your March 10, 2026, remittance advice with the following batch numbers:
  - CAH and LTHs: Batch number begins with 4 26057 00 908
  - PPS Hospitals: Batch number begins with 4 26057 00 907

Refer to the [Minnesota Medicaid DRG Pricing Calculator – Rated Effective 7/1/2025 & 7/2/2026](#) for more information on the calculations and the [Payment methodology for inpatient hospitals](#) for more information on payment method.

Call the Minnesota Health Care Programs Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 with questions about this message. (pub. 3/18/26)

## **(March 18, 2026) System issue affecting certain Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI) claims**

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Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) is aware of a system issue affecting certain EIDBI claims. Claims billed with the following EIDBI CPT codes may incorrectly deny with an invalid Place of Service 11 edit:

- 0373T with modifier UB
- 97151 with modifier UB
- 97153 with modifier UB
- 97154 with modifier UB
- 97155 with modifier UB
- 97156 with modifier UB
- 97157 with modifier UB
- H0032 with modifier UB
- T1024 with modifier UB

We are working to resolve this system issue. Providers should not resubmit denied claims at this time. We will publish a message on this webpage explaining next steps after we have fixed the issue.

Call the MHCP Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 if you have questions about this message. (pub. 3/18/26)

## **(March 16, 2026) Waiver and AC Resources and MN–ITS Training certificates for March session sent**

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The Minnesota Department of Human Services has sent providers who completed the March 3-4, 2026, Waiver and Alternative Care (AC) Resources and MN–ITS Training session their certificates of completion.

We sent the certificates to providers' MN–ITS mailbox under the NPI used to register for the training. Providers who completed the entire training should receive their certificate in the [MN–ITS mailbox](#) under "Miscellaneous Received" in the **PRVLTR** folder by the end of the business day March 16, 2026.

Call the Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411, option 4, if you have questions about this message. (pub. 3/16/26)

## (March 16, 2026) System updated to pay new tiered PCA and CFSS agency rates effective Jan. 1, 2026

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The Minnesota Department of Human Services has updated its payment system to implement the new tiered rates for personal care assistance (PCA) and Community First Services and Supports (CFSS) agency model services that went into effect Jan. 1, 2026. The payment system update was completed on Feb. 13, 2026, and is processing PCA and CFSS claims submitted on or after Feb. 13, 2026, at the correct tiered rates. Claims that include a worker not eligible for a tier were not affected.

### Claims for dates of service Jan. 1, 2026 - Feb. 12, 2026

The payment system began and will continue to reprocess PCA and CFSS claims for dates of service Jan. 1, 2026, through Feb. 12, 2026, and include a worker in tiers L1 through L4. Providers will start to find these reprocessed claims on their remittance advice beginning March 24, 2026, and they may continue through April 2026.

Through this retroactive reprocessing, PCA and CFSS agency providers will receive the appropriate reimbursement rate for 2026 dates of service based on the worker's assigned tier.

### New tiered rates required by law

The updated tiered rate increases are authorized under [Minnesota Statutes, 256B.851](#) as a "worker retention component" and became effective Jan. 1, 2026. The law intends for the increase to improve worker wages and benefits.

PCA traditional and CFSS agency model providers are required to document that at least 72.5% of revenue received from PCA and CFSS reimbursement rates are used to pay [worker wages and benefits](#).

PCA Choice providers must pay [tiered minimum wages](#) to workers serving members in the PCA Choice program. PCA Choice providers are not required to pay the new 2026 Tier 2 wage schedule until federal approval is obtained. We will post a separate message to notify providers once we receive federal approval.

Call the Minnesota Health Care Programs Provider Resource Center with any questions about this message at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411. (pub. 3/16/26)

## (March 13, 2026) Join the Professional Insight Panel to shape the future of disability waiver programs

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The Disabilities Services Division (DSD) of the Minnesota Department of Human Services invites disability waiver professionals to join the Professional Insight Panel to help shape key disability waiver initiatives. By joining, you become part of a pool of professionals DSD can quickly reach out to for feedback on key initiatives for the following programs:

- Waiver Reimagine
- Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver
- Brain Injury (BI) Waiver
- Community Alternative Care (CAC) Waiver
- Community Access for Disability Inclusion (CADI) Waiver

The Professional Insight Panel helps DSD gather fast, meaningful input from a broader range of voices, to ensure decisions reflect real experiences from the field.

This panel is the professional counterpart to the [Disability Hub Virtual Insight Panel](#), which gathers input from people with disabilities and their families.

### Who Should Join?

We welcome professionals from:

- Counties
- Tribal Nations
- Managed care organizations
- Provider organizations
- Advocacy organizations
- Others working with disability waiver programs

## Why join the Professional Insight Panel?

By joining the Professional Insight Panel, you can:

- **Shape real decisions.** Your insight directly informs strategies, programs, communications and training across disability waiver initiatives.
- **Have a quick and easy way to provide feedback.** Most requests take just 10–20 minutes. They are short surveys or polls you can complete without leaving your desk.
- **Have opportunities for deeper involvement.** You can take part in focus groups, usability sessions or share your direct experience.
- **Select topics relevant to you.** Engage only on topics that match your expertise and experience.

**See your impact.** DSD will share updates so you can see how your feedback influenced outcomes and guided next steps.

## How it Works

- Panel members will receive occasional requests for feedback throughout the year.
- You do not need to respond to every request.
- To stay active, we ask that you respond to at least two requests per year.

## Initial Focus: Waiver Reimagine

Our first area of focus will be Waiver Reimagine, Minnesota's disability waiver program. Your insights will help shape implementation, messaging and program improvements that affect people receiving services, families and providers. We will expand the panel in the future to gather feedback on other disability waiver initiatives.

## Sign up today and make your expertise count!

To sign up, fill out this [Qualtrics survey form](#).

(pub. 3/13/26)

## (March 11) Electronic visit verification compliance and enforcement now in effect

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The Minnesota Department of Human Services began enforcing electronic visit verification (EVV) compliance thresholds on Jan. 1, 2026.

Providers are expected to meet the compliance thresholds of at least:

- 50% beginning Jan. 1, 2026, and
- 80% beginning July 1, 2026

The Department of Human Services and providers receive a compliance report from HHAeXchange around the 25th of each month. This report shows providers' performance from the previous month. The Department uses this data to review compliance. Providers are expected to review the report and make corrections before corrective actions are required. Providers who do not meet compliance thresholds will receive corrective action notices in their PRVLTR folder in their [MN-ITS mailbox](#).

Providers are responsible for monitoring their own compliance performance for each tax ID and all national provider identifiers and unique Minnesota provider identifiers associated with their agencies that are required to submit EVV data.

Providers may review the [EVV compliance policy](#) and the [March 3, 2026 elist announcement](#) for an update on compliance monitoring and enforcement.

For more information about EVV, refer to the [Electronic visit verification](#) webpage. Use the [DSD Contact Form \(DHS-8168-ENG\)](#) to submit questions about this message. (pub. 3/11/26)

## (March 11) Revised: Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI) enrollment process for Agency ID and background studies

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We have revised this message to clarify requirements for EIDBI agencies and individual providers. This notice is to remind EIDBI providers of the requirements related to background studies conducted through NETStudy 2.0.

### **Requirement for EIDBI agencies**

Each EIDBI provider location must maintain its own unique NETStudy 2.0 Agency ID to ensure accurate tracking, compliance, and proper documentation of background studies for that specific site and their employees. Agencies must also ensure that all currently enrolled Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) individual EIDBI providers, as well as any new individual EIDBI providers, complete a NETStudy 2.0 background study.

EIDBI organizations currently enrolled with MHCP who do not have an Agency ID for each existing location must obtain an Agency ID by submitting a [Request for Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention \(EIDBI\) NETStudy 2.0 Agency ID Number \(DHS-3891A\)](#) to Minnesota Department of Human Services either via MPSE or fax. Provider Eligibility and Compliance will request the Agency ID from the Background Studies Division (BGS) on the agency's behalf. BGS will then email the agency at the email contact listed on the DHS-3891A with the agency ID and onboarding information. After the agency is onboarded, the agency can then submit background studies on all owners and required individuals for each location as outlined in [Minnesota Statutes, 245C.03](#).

New EIDBI organizations should submit a DHS-3891A along with their enrollment request. Provider Eligibility and Compliance will request the Agency ID from BGS on the agency's behalf after the enrollment documents or request is reviewed and complete. Next, BGS will send new agencies an agency ID along with onboarding information to the email contact they list on the DHS-3891A. After the agency is onboarded, background studies can be run on all owners and required individuals as outlined in [Minnesota Statutes, 245C.03](#).

Background study numbers should be included for each disclosed individual on the Owners/Authorized Persons Background Studies page in the MPSE portal or added to the background study number field on the [Disclosure of Ownership and Control Interest of an Entity \(DHS-5259\)](#).

### **Requirement for Individual EIDBI providers**

Effective Aug. 5, 2025, individual EIDBI providers must have a complete DHS background study through NETStudy 2.0 for each EIDBI location with an "eligible" or "set-aside" result before they provide services. If an EIDBI individual provider is providing services for multiple unrelated EIDBI agencies, they must have a new background study application submitted by each agency. In some cases, the new application may connect to an existing eligible background study and will not require the person to be fingerprinted again. If the individual provider is providing services at more than one location within the EIDBI agency and the locations share the same Background Study Sensitive Information Person, the agency must add affiliation records for each location where the individual is providing services. The date of the affiliation record can only be the date the affiliation record is added, or a future date. These cannot be backdated.

Existing enrolled individual EIDBI providers must have a completed background study on file in NETStudy 2.0 or their record will be terminated.

Please review your agency's current setup and ensure that both Agency IDs and required background studies are in place for all locations and individuals.

Call the MHCP Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 if you have questions about this message. (pub. 1/13/26, rev. 3/11/26)

## **(March 5) Child and Teen Checkups (C&TC) new age-related screening standards take effect Oct. 1, 2026**

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Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) is adding and revising C&TC new age-related screening standards that take effect Oct. 1, 2026.

MHCP will add the following recommended risk assessment to the [Minnesota C&TC Schedule of Age-Related Screening Standards \(DHS-3379\) \(PDF\)](#) effective Oct. 1, 2026:

- Sudden cardiac arrest/sudden cardiac death (SCA/SCD) risk assessment at least once for youth age 11 years old until their 21st birthday.

MHCP will revise the following required components of the [Minnesota C&TC Schedule of Age-Related Screening Standards \(DHS-3379\) \(PDF\)](#) effective Oct. 1, 2026:

- The age range to provide at least one HIV screening for all youth will be extended until the youth's 21st birthday.

- The language on the front of the [Minnesota C&TC Schedule of Age-Related Screening Standards \(DHS-3379\) \(PDF\)](#) physical exam row will change from “Physical Exam: head to toe, including oral exam and sexual development” to “Physical Exam”. We will add an accompanying footnote on the back of the schedule to state, “\*Medicaid screening services include a comprehensive unclothed physical exam”.

These changes are supported by practice recommendations from one or more of the following organizations:

- American Academy of Pediatrics Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care Bright Futures Periodicity Schedule
- U.S. Preventive Services Task Force
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)

MDH will post a new SCA/SCD fact sheet and revised Physical Examination and HIV Screening fact sheets on the [MDH Child and Teen Checkups Fact Sheets](#) webpage July 1, 2026, to allow time for clinics to become familiar with procedures and update protocols before Oct. 1, 2026. (pub. 3/5/26)

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## **(Feb. 24) Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI) claim denials for services billed with CPT code H0046 UB**

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Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) is aware of a system issue that is denying some EIDBI claims for services billed with CPT code H0046 UB.

We are working on solving the issue. Providers should not resubmit denied claims. We will publish a message on this webpage after we have fixed the issue and will explain next steps.

Call the MHCP Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 if you have questions about this message. (pub. 2/24/26)

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## **(Feb. 19) Waiver and Alternative Care Resources and MN–ITS Training Sessions**

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The Minnesota Department of Human Services increased registration capacity for sessions in March and April for the [Waiver and AC Resources and MN–ITS Training](#) due to high demand. The March and April session dates are:

- March 3 – 4, 2026, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (two-day session)
- March 18 – 19, 2026, 9a.m to 1 p.m. (two- day session)
- April 7 – 8, 2026, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (two-day session)
- April 21 – 22, 2026, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (two-day session)

Register only for the session that you plan to attend. Providers may [register online](#) for the training session. If you signed up for a session and wish to cancel, email [dhs.provider-workshops@state.mn.us](mailto:dhs.provider-workshops@state.mn.us) and include your registration information for cancellation.

Call the Minnesota Health Care Programs Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411, option 4, if you have questions about this message. (pub. 2/19/26)

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## **(Feb. 19) MN–ITS update in progress for physical therapy (PT) and occupational therapy (OT) visits**

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We are updating MN–ITS to show the number of physical therapy and occupational therapy visits a member has used per calendar year. Providers can continue to submit authorization requests for PT and OT services even if they do not know how many visits a member has used. Providers may also submit authorization requests retroactively after we update MN–ITS. We will publish a message on this webpage after we update MN–ITS.

Call the Minnesota Health Care Programs Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 if you have questions about this message. (pub. 2/19/26)

## (Feb. 11) Information about federal use of Minnesota Department of Human Services data and member privacy

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The Minnesota Department of Human Services is committed to protecting the privacy and supporting the well-being of all Medicaid (called Medical Assistance in Minnesota) members. Recent legal developments have changed how Medicaid information may be used at the federal level, including whether certain information could be shared across federal agencies, including with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

### **Federal court rules CMS may share some information with Homeland Security**

On [December 29, 2025](#), the court ruled that the federal agency, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), may share limited information with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for immigration enforcement purposes for individuals who are determined by ICE to be “not lawfully residing” in the United States. The federal government has not yet provided Minnesota with additional details about how it intends to implement the court’s order or use such information.

### **CMS is prohibited from sharing information about lawful residents**

Under the court order, CMS may share certain identifying information about members who are “not lawfully residing” in the U.S., including citizenship or immigration status, address, phone number, date of birth, and Medicaid identification number. CMS is prohibited from sharing information about individuals who are lawfully residing in the United States. Additionally, if information related to individuals who are not lawfully residing cannot be separated from protected information (including data about lawful permanent residents, U.S. citizens, or health records), CMS may not share that information with ICE. These limitations remain in effect while the multistate lawsuit is ongoing.

### **Minnesota Department of Human Services only shares Medicaid information required by federal law**

Medicaid information is routinely exchanged between states and the federal government for program administration and to verify eligibility for federal funding. Federal law requires Minnesota to submit monthly reports to CMS through the Transformed Medicaid Statistical Information System (T-MSIS). These reports include basic demographic and eligibility information for MA members, such as name, address, date of birth, Social Security number or Medicaid identification number, and immigration status. While the court order permits CMS to share limited information under specific circumstances, Minnesota Department of Human Services remains committed to the protection of member privacy and is closely monitoring federal actions.

### **Directive to share state Medicaid information is a change from previous federal policies**

At Minnesota Department of Human Services, we believe accessing health care should not be a source of fear. The use of Medicaid information for immigration enforcement marks a significant change from [prior federal policies](#) and may raise concerns among MA members and health care providers, particularly given earlier federal guidance that eligibility information would not be used for enforcement purposes.

### **Seek legal counsel with concerns about federal use of personal information**

We recognize that members may have questions or concerns about how their personal information could be used for immigration enforcement. While DHS cannot provide individual legal advice, we recommend that concerned individuals consult a qualified attorney or legal aid organization to better understand how your personal information could be used by ICE. Please note that discontinuing MA coverage does not eliminate information that CMS may already have received.

Minnesota is committed to transparency, privacy, and ensuring all Minnesotans, regardless of immigration status, can access needed health care services safely and without fear. We will continue to share updates as information becomes available and take all actions within our authority to protect the health and privacy of MA members.

### **Legal Aid**

The following qualified legal organizations may be able to provide immigrant-related services:

- [Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota](#)
- [International Institute of Minnesota](#)
- [The Advocates for Human Rights](#)
- [Volunteer Lawyers Network](#)
- [Immigration Advocates Network: Minnesota Organizations](#)

More information is available through the [Minnesota Office of Ombudsperson for Families](#). You may also consider contacting your local embassy or consulate for legal assistance or guidance. (pub. 2/11/26)

## (Feb. 10) Unauthorized text messages to providers about revalidation

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The Minnesota Department of Human Services has learned that some providers have received text messages from vendors about provider revalidation.

**To clarify, the department has not authorized any vendors to assist with the Revalidate Minnesota 2026 initiative, and does not use text messaging to communicate with providers.**

The department communicates with providers through [Provider news and updates](#), MN-ITS mailbox, email or U.S. Postal Service. If you are uncertain about the legitimacy of a provider revalidation request, call the Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411. (pub. 2/10/26)

## (Feb. 9) Revised: Reminders for Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) covered services delivered in the home

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We have removed the sentence that explained “Providers do not need to document or provide information on the patient’s home address when billing for home visits.” because that is not true for all services delivered at home. MHCP covers a variety of services delivered at home. Refer to the following:

- If you are an MHCP-enrolled provider of services eligible to be provided at home, you can bill for visits provided at place of service 12 even if you have not done so previously.
- MHCP-enrolled providers use place of service 12 when billing for a home visit. Place of service 12 is inclusive of any location, other than a hospital or other facility, where the patient receives care in a private residence.
- All the required components of the billing code or service must be provided to bill. Not all visits are appropriate in place of service 12.

### **Special note about Evaluation and Management (E&M) services**

E&M services can be provided for members at home for any reason. Home visit E&M codes are covered for new and existing patients. (pub. 1/27/26, rev. 2/9/26)

## (Feb. 6, 2026) Revalidation questions answered at MPSE technical assistance sessions

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Beginning Feb. 9, 2026, the focus of the daily Minnesota Provider Screening and Enrollment (MPSE) portal technical assistance sessions will change slightly.

Each daily session will be held from **1 to 1:30 p.m.** on the Microsoft Teams platform. The focus during the daily sessions will be as follows:

- **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: Questions related to completing off-cycle revalidation navigation for high-risk providers using MPSE**
- **Tuesdays and Thursdays: General navigation questions about using MPSE**

There is no fee or registration required for each session and the link to join is the same for each session. Find the link to join the daily technical assistance session on the [MPSE portal training](#) webpage. (pub. 2/6/26)

## (Feb. 5) HCBS and AC provider organization designated billers must complete training to revalidate

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Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver and Alternative Care (AC) programs provider organizations who have enrolled with Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) on or after January 1, 2014, are required to have an owner or managing employee who is assigned as the designated biller to complete the [Waiver and AC Resources and MN-ITS Training](#). The designated biller must complete the training within six months of new enrollment. If there is not a certificate

of training on file, the designated biller will need to complete this training and submit the training certificate to MHCP before revalidation can be completed.

To find a list of services exempt from the training, refer to the [HCBS Waiver and AC Training Requirements](#) in the MHCP Provider Manual.

We added additional training sessions in March and April. Review the [Waiver and AC Resources and MN-ITS Training](#) webpage for the list of dates and times.

Call the MHCP Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411, option 4, if you have questions about this message. (pub. 2/5/26)

## **(Feb. 4) Revised: MPSE updates for EIDBI agencies: Licensing, Site Visit Requirements and Revalidation Note**

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We have revised this message to include entering a 04/30/2026 end date for the temporary workaround. Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) made the following two updates in the Minnesota Provider Screening and Enrollment (MPSE) portal that impact Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI) agencies.

### **1. EIDBI Agency Licensing Requirement**

We updated MPSE to comply with Minnesota statute that requires EIDBI organizations to provide a license number. Users must now enter licensing information on the **Credentials** page in MPSE.

EIDBI organizations must apply for a provisional license by **May 31, 2026**.

#### **Temporary workaround:**

Users should do the following to edit the **Credentials** page until you have an approved provisional license:

- Select **Add a Credential**.
- Choose **EIDBI Agency License**.
- Enter **“99999”** for the license number as a placeholder license number when prompted.
- Enter 01/01/2026 for the start date
- Enter 04/30/2026 for end date

Agencies will need to repeat these steps until they have an approved license.

Users are required to update the **Credentials** page with their assigned license number after the provisional license is approved.

### **2. Site Visit Contact Information Requirement**

An MHCP investigator must be able to contact someone from the EIDBI agency when the EIDBI agency is required to complete a site visit.

Users must now add site visit contact information on the **Enrollment Record Information** page. The contact information must include:

- Contact individual’s full name
- Phone number

This information is required to support site visit communication.

Refer to the [EIDBI licensing](#) webpage for information about EIDBI licensing requirements and required forms and documentation.

### **Revalidation Note**

EIDBI agencies with requests in a “Pending Review” status waiting for processing in MPSE must change their original submission back to “Draft,” resubmit as a revalidation and include all changes to be processed together. Do the following to change the revalidation indicator on a request:

- While in the request (must be the assigned user and in EDIT mode), use the right-side navigation and click **Request Information**.
- Then change the revalidation indicator to YES.

Call the MHCP Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 and request an MPSE walkthrough if you need assistance. (pub. 1/30/26, rev. 2/4/26)

## **(Jan. 23) Update regarding Federal Medicaid \$2 billion funding withhold**

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The Minnesota Department of Human Services has formally appealed and requested a hearing on the decision by the Trump Administration to withhold over \$2 billion in annual Medicaid funding for Minnesota.

**It is important for everyone to know that there have been no changes to funding at this time. Providers should continue to bill as usual. You will continue to be paid for eligible services you provide Medicaid enrollees under state law.**

Refer to the [Federal Medicaid funding update](#) to learn more. (pub. 1/23/26)

## **(Dec. 23) Community First Services and Supports (CFSS) claims processing issue for fee-for-service agreements**

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Minnesota Department of Human Services is aware that some CFSS service providers are experiencing a claims processing issue. Claim adjustment reason code CO 273 is appearing on some remittance advices. Claims with this adjustment code indicate the authorization has been exceeded, resulting in a denial or partial payment.

We identified the issue impacting fee-for-service agreements in both the CFSS budget model and agency model. The issue occurs even when authorizations for these claims still show available funds or units on the service lines for the procedure codes being billed. We are working to resolve this issue. We will update providers when we have more information to share.

Contact the [Minnesota Health Care Programs Provider Resource Center](#) at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 if you have questions about this message. (pub. 12/23/25)

## **(Non. 26) 2026 schedule for CFSS Steps for Success workshop**

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Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) has opened registration for the 2026 dates for the [Community First Services and Supports \(CFSS\) Steps for Success workshops](#). The three-day workshop sessions will be held:

- March 25-27, 2026
- June 24-26, 2026
- September 23-25, 2026
- December 2-4, 2026

After a workshop session fills, MHCP will remove it as a selection from the online registration system. We will close unfilled workshop sessions at 8 a.m. seven business days before the workshop begins. The workshop will continue to be online-only and sessions will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, call the MHCP Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411. (pub. 11/26/25)

## **(Oct. 21) Federal Reconciliation Bill (H.R.1) information and tools for partners**

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On July 4, 2025, President Trump signed the Federal Reconciliation Bill (H.R.1) into law. This new law brings changes to Medicaid, a federal health insurance program called Medical Assistance in Minnesota. All states must implement the changes in the law, which include additional requirements for eligibility.

Nothing has changed yet. The first changes won't take effect until fall 2026. This gives Minnesota Department of Human Services time to review the details, get more information from the federal government, and communicate the changes clearly to Minnesotans.

We recently published our [What the new federal budget law means for Medicaid](#) webpage with resources and information: a timeline, details about the coming changes and how they may affect the people you serve, and a partner toolkit to help communicate clearly and accurately to impacted Medical Assistance enrollees.

We will add more content as we get more guidance from the federal government, so check the webpage often. (pub. 10/21/25)

## Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) experiencing high call volume

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Due to new legislative updates and revalidations, the MHCP Provider Resource Center is experiencing high call volume. You may experience a longer wait time or you will have to call back at a different time.

You may also refer to the following webpages:

- [MHCP billing resources](#) webpage for billing resources
- [MHCP provider training](#) webpage for free training sessions for specific provider types and services

We will offer free question and answer sessions for the MPSE Portal beginning Feb. 7, 2024. Refer to the [Minnesota Provider Screening and Enrollment \(MPSE\) portal training](#) webpage for more information about the sessions. (pub. 1/29/24)

## Training and more

- [Minnesota Provider Screening and Enrollment \(MPSE\) portal Questions and Answers sessions](#)
- [MHCP on-demand video, online MN-ITS training including Provider Basics and more](#)
- [Provider news and updates archive](#): We retain provider news messages on the Minnesota Department of Human Services website for one year.
- [MHCP provider policies and procedures](#)
- [Latest Manual Revisions](#)
- [Grants and requests for proposals](#)

## Free online Resources and MN-ITS training available

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Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) offers free online training for MHCP-enrolled providers. Go to the [MHCP provider training](#) webpage to review the list of available training. We have scheduled 2026 training sessions for the following:

- Child and Teen Checkups
- Community Health Worker
- Consultation Services
- Dental Services
- Doula
- Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention
- Federally Qualified Health Center and Rural Health Clinic
- Financial Management Services
- Home Care Services
- Housing Support Supplemental Services
- Individualized Education Program
- Mental Health
- Nursing Facility
- Personal Care Assistance/Community First Services and Supports Agency
- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility
- Recuperative Care
- Substance Use Disorder
- Waiver and Alternative Care

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Call the MHCP Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 if you have questions about this information.