

January 17 – 30, 2023

Systems announcements

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

System upgrade scheduled Jan. 28 - 30 POSTPONED

We have postponed our system upgrade to products that work with MN–ITS and SFTP batch transactions scheduled for 7 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28 until 6 a.m. Monday, Jan. 30, 2023. We will announce a new date for the system upgrade after it's been determined. All batch transactions via MN–ITS and SFTP (in Production) will be available Jan. 28 – 30. (pub. 1/27/23)

System upgrade Jan. 28 - 30 will impact MN–ITS users in Production

We will upgrade products that work with MN–ITS and SFTP batch transactions beginning 7 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28 until 6 a.m. Monday, Jan. 30, 2023.

The following batch transactions via MN–ITS and SFTP (in Production) will be **unavailable** during the upgrade:

- Eligibility Inquiries and Responses (270/271)
- Claim Status Inquiries and Responses (276/277)
- Premium Payments (820)
- Benefit Enrollments (834)
- Remittance Advice (835)
- Encounter Claims (835E)
- Dental, Inpatient, and Professional Claims (837D/I/P)
- NCPDP/Pharmacy Batch and N12Rs
- DSH

The following transactions will be **available** (in Production) during the upgrade:

- Mailbox folders
- MN–ITS applications (for example, MPSE, CMH, HPE and others)
- MNsure Submit
- Real Time Eligibility Inquiries and Responses (270/271) (CORE2)
- Interactive/Direct Data Entry (DDE):
 - Eligibility Inquiries and Responses (270/271)
 - Claim Status Requests (276/277)
 - Dental, Inpatient, and Professional Claims (837D/I/P)
 - Pharmacy claims
 - Authorization Request (278)

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System upgrade Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023, will impact MN–ITS ATST users

We will upgrade our MN–ITS and SFTP batch transactions on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023, from 6 a.m. until 5 p.m. Batch transactions will be unavailable in MN–ITS ATST (testing region) during this time. **Only MN–ITS ATST users will be affected.** MN–ITS Production will not be impacted.

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System upgrade scheduled Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023

We will be upgrading parts of our systems Sunday from 12:01 – 5 a.m. MN–ITS will be impacted, however MN–ITS mailbox access and the Minnesota Provider Screening and Enrollment portal will be available to providers. MN–ITS applications that directly interact with MMIS will receive a system error, including:

- Real-time claim submission
- Eligibility Verification System/IVR
- Prior authorization and service agreements
- Health Information Request
- Last Check
- Taxonomy

Other applications that will receive an error but not specifically tied to logging into the MN–ITS application include:

- Core 2
- ePrescribe
- HID

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DHS updated the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Programs Service Request form

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) has updated the [HCBS Programs Service Request \(DHS-6638\) \(PDF\)](#) with the following information:

- Adult Day Services: Remote option will be available starting July 1, 2023.
- Integrated Community Supports (ICS): Available for Brain Injury (BI), Community Alternative Care (CAC), Community Access for Disability Inclusion (CADI), and Developmental Disabilities (DD) waivers.

Note: These service updates will not be available in the Minnesota Provider Screening and Enrollment (MPSE) portal until July 1, 2023. Until that date, ICS providers should select “ICS (BI, CADI)” in MPSE. This will allow members to receive ICS services under all four waivers (BI, CAC, CADI and DD).

For additional questions, please call the Minnesota Health Care Programs Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411, option 4. (pub. 1/27/23)

MinnesotaCare tax add-on erroneously paid for IRTS and RCS room and board services claims to be recovered

Minnesota Department of Revenue reviewed [Intensive Residential Treatment Services \(IRTS\)](#) and [Adult Residential Crisis Stabilization \(RCS\) services](#) claims and discovered the 1.8% MinnesotaCare tax add-on had been applied and paid to room and board services (revenue code 1001) for IRTS and RCS claims. IRTS and RCS room and board services are not subject to the 1.8% MinnesotaCare tax add-on. We have made an adjustment to claims for dates of service on or after July 1, 2020, to correct claims and collect the MinnesotaCare tax add-on that was erroneously paid on these claims. You

will see these adjustments on your Jan. 31, 2023, remittance advice. Call the [MHCP Provider Resource Center](#) at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 if you have questions about this message. (pub. 1/27/23)

Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) requests public comments on Elderly Waiver (EW) application

DHS requests public comments on proposed policy changes to the [EW application](#) before submitting it to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for approval. Submit comments to AASD.PublicComments@state.mn.us by **4 p.m., Friday, February 24, 2023**.

Review the [DHS requests public comments on EW application](#) in the Aging and Adult Services Division eList announcement for more information. (pub. 1/27/23)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) extends the federal COVID-19 public health emergency

HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra renewed the federal COVID-19 public health emergency effective Jan. 11, 2023. Visit the HHS' [Renewal of Determination That A Public Health Emergency Exists](#) webpage to read the official declaration of this renewal.

Continue following existing COVID-19 policies and procedures for Minnesota Health Care Programs until further notice. We will provide more guidance as it becomes available. (pub. 1/25/23)

Adult mental health targeted case management level of care assessment requirements updated

Adult mental health targeted case managers (AMH TCM) are no longer required to complete any level of care assessment tool with members effective immediately. Previously, AMH TCM providers were required to complete a Level of Care Utilization System (LOCUS). We are not issuing a replacement level of care assessment for AMH TCM.

This change is being implemented to clarify case management roles and responsibilities. Refer to the [Update to adult mental health targeted case management level of care assessment requirements](#) Behavioral Health e-Memo for more information.

Email ScreeningToolCommittee.LOC.dhs@state.mn.us if you have questions about this message. (pub. 1/24/23)

Housing Support informational webinar for Housing Stabilization Services providers scheduled Feb. 1, 2023

Minnesota Department of Human Services invites Housing Stabilization Services providers who are unfamiliar with Housing Support (formerly known as GRH) to attend its Housing Support Info for Housing Stabilization Services Providers webinar scheduled 10-11 a.m. Feb. 1, 2023. You will learn:

- What benefits are included with Housing Support
- Who is eligible to receive Housing Support
- Requirements for Housing Support providers
- Places that people can live and receive Housing Support
- How to find potential Housing Support providers
- How to help clients access Housing Support

You will receive a copy of the PowerPoint slides and a link to the webinar recording for future review. Register for the webinar on the [Housing Support Info for Housing Stabilization Services Providers](#) webpage. (pub. 1/23/23)

Electronic visit verification (EVV) webpage updates

Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) has updated the [Electronic visit verification](#) webpage to reflect the most current service codes and contact information.

We made the following changes to the EVV webpage:

- Under the Affected services tab, in the table under Electronic visit verification service codes-Personal care, we updated Waiver Reimagine codes to reflect the new service names and code.
- Under the Contact us tab, we reorganized contact information by explaining when people should contact DHS and when people should contact the state's EVV vendor, HHAExchange.

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Doula advisory group seeking representatives

Minnesota Health Care Programs is seeking representatives for a virtual doula advisory group to provide input on doula coverage policy for MinnesotaCare and Medical Assistance (Minnesota's Medicaid program) members. If you are a doula, or have an interest in this topic, email megan.warfield-kimball@state.mn.us with your name and preferred email address.

We are planning on having the first virtual meeting in March. Our goal is to have ongoing meetings with the doula advisory group, so email your interest even if you receive this message after the March meeting. (pub. 1/20/23)

Register for Personal Care Assistant (PCA) Steps for Success

Registration is now open for PCA Steps for Success training scheduled for February 22-24, 2023. You can register for this training on the Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) provider training webpage. Click on the [Registration and cost](#) link, on the [PCA Steps for Success workshop](#) webpage to register online.

Contact the MHCP Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 with any questions. (pub. 1/20/23)

Register for rate study provider survey webinars

This is an update to the Nov. 23, 2022, [Revised: Providers needed for rate setting study for physical and behavioral health outpatient services message](#). This rate setting study recently included residential, community-based and outpatient providers, including Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Intensive Residential Treatment Services (IRTS), Adult Residential Crisis Stabilization (RCS) and Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF), that were not originally included in the original provider news message. This cost data will help inform recommendations on future rates reforms for these services.

All providers of these services are invited to join us for a 90-minute webinar on January 30 and 31. Burns & Associates, a Division of Health Management Associates (or HMA-Burns), is the contractor assisting DHS and will explain the provider survey that has been developed for each service.

Register to attend one of the following webinars using the link provided. You should register to attend only one of the webinars. Each webinar is specific to a service and each survey tool is specific to the selected service. We will ask for your agency's Federal Tax ID number and an email address for a point of contact at your organization when you register on the HMA-Burns webpage. We are requesting this information because HMA-Burns will customize the survey for each service based on CY2021 payments from DHS to the provider organization. Our goal is to minimize the administrative burden on your organization.

- **Mental health (MH) services webinar – Monday, Jan. 30, 2023, from 10 - 11:30 a.m.**
Who should attend? Providers who deliver the following Medicaid Services: Adult Intensive Residential Treatment Services (IRTS) and Residential Crisis Stabilization (RCS), Intensive Treatment Foster Care, Adult Day Treatment and Children's Day Treatment, Mobile Crisis Teams and Stabilization Services, Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Partial Hospitalization, Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health Services (ARMHS), Children's Therapeutic Services and Supports (CTSS), Dialectical Behavior Therapy, Diagnostic Assessment, Psychotherapy Services (Adult and Youth), Neuropsychological and Psychological Testing. Note: Children's Residential Treatment is excluded from this study.

Register on the [Minnesota Mental Health Provider webinar webpage](#).

- **Substance use disorder (SUD) services webinar – Monday, Jan. 30, 2023, from 1 - 2:30 p.m.**
Who should attend? Providers who deliver the following Medicaid Services: SUD residential treatment (adolescents and adults), Withdrawal Management, Medication Assisted Treatment, SUD Community-based services (adolescents and adults).
Register on the [Minnesota SUD Provider webinar webpage](#).
- **EIDBI services webinar – Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023, from noon - 1:30 p.m.**
Who should attend? EIDBI agency owners, billers and managing employees should attend. Comprehensive multi-disciplinary evaluation (CMDE) providers may also want to attend. Individual providers (that is, Level 1, 2 and 3 providers) do not need to attend.
Register on the [Minnesota EIDBI Provider webinar webpage](#).

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) providers do not need to register to attend a webinar. PRTFs are meeting in their own provider workgroup and are not a part of these webinars or provider surveys.

Email BHDRates.DHS@state.mn.us if you have questions about the rate study survey registration. (pub. 1/20/23)

Public comment period is open for amendments to the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver plan

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) requests public comments about amendments to the DD Waiver plan before submitting them to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for approval. Submit comments to DSD.PublicComments@state.mn.us by **4 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023**.

Review [DHS requests public comments on amendments to the DD waiver plan](#) in the Disability Services Division (DSD) eList announcements for more information. (pub. 1/19/23)

Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) informational sessions cancelled

The following two SBIRT informational sessions have been cancelled:

- 2 – 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023
- 2 – 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023

Refer to the [Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment](#) section of the MHCP Provider Manual or the following resources and screening tools for more about SBIRT.

SBIRT resources:

- [Great Lakes Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network](#) webpage
- [Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment \(SBIRT\)](#) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration webpage
- [Screening and Assessment Tools Chart](#) National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) webpage
- [SBIRT: Screening, Brief Intervention & Referral to Treatment](#) New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports webpage
- [SBIRT Services \(PDF\)](#) Medicare Learning Network booklet
- [National Council for Mental Wellbeing](#) website

Suggested SBIRT Screening Tools:

- Alcohol, Smoking, and Substance Involvement Screening Test (ASSIST)
- AUDIT – Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test
- AUDIT-C
- Cut Down, Annoyed, Guilty, Eye-opener (CAGE)
- Car, Relax, Alone, Forget, Family or Friends, Trouble (CRAFFT)
- Drug Abuse Screening Test (DAST)
- DAST-A

- Michigan Alcohol Screening Test (MAST)
- NIDA Drug Use Screening Tool
- Problem-Oriented Screening Instrument for Teenagers (POSIT)
- Tolerance, Worried, Eye-openers, Amnesia, Cut down (TWEAK)

Email DHS.MA.Behavioral.Health@state.mn.us if you have questions about SBIRT. (pub. 1/18/23)

2023 clinical trainings for EIDBI and other interested provider types

A series of clinical trainings will be held in 2023 for Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI) providers and other interested provider types. Refer to the following dates, times, topics and learning objectives for each session.

- **Wednesday, January 18, 2023, noon to 1 p.m.: Evaluation, treatment planning and care coordination**
 - Differentiate between covered and noncovered services for the Comprehensive multi-disciplinary evaluation, treatment plan and coordinated care conference
 - Define the roles and responsibilities of EIDBI providers implementing these services
 - Implement best practice strategies
 - Registration required on the [January EIDBI Clinical Training](#) webpage
- **Wednesday, February 22, 2023, noon to 1 p.m.: Discharge and transition planning**
 - Discuss process for transferring agencies or providers
 - Review EIDBI discharge form
 - Outline resources available to assist with transition planning
 - Registration is required on the [February EIDBI Clinical Training](#) webpage
- **Thursday March 23, 2023 noon to 1 p.m.: Positive supports rule and practices**
 - Describe prohibited and permitted procedures, health and safety standards
 - Discuss reporting requirements
 - Locate resources on de-escalation strategies and crisis intervention training
 - Registration is required on the [March EIDBI Clinical Training](#) webpage
- **Tuesday May 9, 2023, noon to 1 p.m.: Observation and Direction vs. Training and Supervision**
 - Differentiate between training, observation and direction and supervision
 - Examine the differences between direct and indirect observation and direction services
 - Apply various training models and approaches
 - Registration is required on the [May EIDBI Clinical Training](#) webpage
- **Wednesday June 21, 2023, noon to 1 p.m.: Functional behavior assessment**
 - Define steps to complete a functional behavior assessment
 - Develop function-based treatment goals
 - Demonstrate process for creating more effective behavior intervention plans
 - Registration is required on the [June EIDBI Clinical Training](#) webpage
- **Thursday July 27, 2023 noon to 1 p.m.: Family caregiver training and counseling**
 - Develop family-centered goals in the treatment plan
 - Review EIDBI Welcome Letter for Caregivers and other resources
 - Build relationships and work collaboratively with families
 - Registration is required on the [July EIDBI Clinical Training](#) webpage
- **Thursday August 31, 2023 9 to 10 a.m.: Person-centered Individual Treatment Plan (ITP) development**
 - Apply a person-centered lens to ITP development and monitoring
 - Prioritize goals based on preferences of the person and family
 - Discuss examples of person-centered, observable and measurable goals
 - Registration is required on the [August EIDBI Clinical Training](#) webpage
- **Tuesday September 12, 2023, noon to 1 p.m.: Person-centered intervention practices**
 - Integrate person-centered practices into treatment planning and implementation
 - Apply proactive strategies and antecedent-based interventions
 - Discuss pairing opportunities and reinforcement
 - Registration is required on the [September EIDBI Clinical Training](#) webpage
- **Wednesday October 18, 2023, 9 to 10 a.m.: Long-term goal development and implementation**
 - Identify the purpose of long-term goals and transition planning
 - Generate person-centered, observable and measurable long-term goals
 - Access resources available to assist with transition planning
 - Registration is required on the [October EIDBI Clinical Training](#) webpage
- **Wednesday November 8, 2023, noon – 1 p.m.: Coordinating care and collaborating with other professionals**

- Assess the impact of care coordination
- Identify resources to facilitate collaboration
- Discuss examples of coordination across service systems
- Registration is required on the [November EIDBI Clinical Training](#) webpage

Continuing Education Unit (CEU) information

Continuing education credits will be offered for Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) through the Minnesota Northland Association for Behavior Analysis ([MNABA](#)). All courses will be worth one credit unless otherwise noted. Link to access the CEUs is found under the Agenda section of the registration webpage. Certificates of participation will also be offered for others upon request to submit to their licensure or certification boards. (pub. 1/18/23)

MN–ITS issue resolved for Nonemergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) provider claims

Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) has resolved the MN–ITS issue that caused the individual driver's Unique Minnesota Provider Identifier (UMPI) to not be accepted as the rendering provider when submitting claims for NEMT providers.

NEMT providers should use the individual driver's UMPI as the rendering provider on claim submissions through MN–ITS.

Call the MHCP Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 if you have questions about this message. (pub. 1/12/23).

2023 ambulance fee schedule with inflation factor and productivity adjustment

The calendar year (CY) 2023 ambulance rates have been updated. Review the current payment rates on the [MHCP fee schedule](#) webpage.

The CY 2023 ambulance inflation factor is 8.7 percent. Review the [CMS Ambulances Services Center](#) webpage and [CMS Manual System - Medicare Claims Processing \(PDF\)](#) for more information.

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. 1/11/23)

MHCP has sent Steps for Success certificates for Nov. 2-4, 2022

Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) has sent providers who attended the [PCA Steps for Success](#) class on Nov. 2-4, 2022, their certificate of completion via the email used to register for the Steps for Success training. Providers who completed the training should have received the certificate by the end of the business day of Jan. 4, 2023. If you have any questions, call the MHCP Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411. (pub. 1/4/23)

Update to MinnesotaCare coverage

Effective Jan. 1, 2023, MinnesotaCare members will have the same health care coverage for abortion services as Medical Assistance members currently have.

Providers should submit abortion services claims for MinnesotaCare members directly to Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP). Additionally, MHCP updated the [Medical Necessity Statement \(DHS-2327\) \(PDF\)](#) with this coverage change.

Review [Abortion Services](#) in the Reproductive Health/OB-GYN section in the MHCP Provider Manual for more information.

Call the MHCP Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 if you have questions about this message. (pub. 1/4/23)

Postpartum health care coverage continues up to 12 months after pregnancy ends

Effective July 1, 2022, postpartum health care coverage is continued up to 12 months after the pregnancy ends for pregnant people enrolled in Medical Assistance (MA) and Children's Health Insurance Program-funded MA. Review the [Health Care Coverage for Pregnant People DHS-8284 \(PDF\)](#) for more information.

Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) updated the [MHCP Member Evidence of Coverage](#) section in the MHCP Provider Manual and [Health Care Programs and Services](#) in the MHCP Provider Manual-Provider Basics with this coverage change.

Call the MHCP Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 if you have questions about this message. (pub. 1/4/23)

DHS offers MPSE question and answer sessions

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) is offering monthly question and answer sessions for using the Minnesota Provider Screening and Enrollment (MPSE) portal starting January 2023. Sign up for [MPSE Question and Answer Sessions](#) and bring questions you have about using the MPSE portal. Questions must be general enough to apply to a public audience. We will not answer questions regarding private organization or individual data. Questions will be answered in the order received, using a live demonstration when appropriate. (pub. 1/4/23)

2023 Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule

The 2023 Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (CLFS) files will be released by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in January. We do not know the exact release date. We will update laboratory procedure code rates after the CMS CLFS files are received.

We will reprocess affected laboratory claims received with dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2023. Or, you may submit your laboratory claims after we have updated the effective date and rates in our system. We will publish a provider news message after we have updated our system. (1/4/23)

Use updated form to report provider organization change in ownership

Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) has published a new version of the [Provider Entity Sale or Transfer Addendum \(DHS-5550\) \(PDF\)](#). This is a form that is required along with other enrollment documents when an enrolled MHCP provider undergoes a change in direct or indirect ownership of the business.

The new form covers more circumstances of ownership change, and allows for multiple transferors and transferees to sign. Starting on **February 1, 2023**, MHCP will no longer accept the prior version of the form. The new version with the date 12-22 in the upper right corner is the only version that will be accepted for changes in ownership.

MHCP needs to be notified of changes in ownership at least 30 days before the date of ownership transfer. If you have questions regarding changes in ownership, please review the [Changes to Enrollment](#) section of the MHCP Provider Manual, along with information specific to your provider type. If you have further questions, please contact the MHCP Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411. (pub. 12/29/22)

1115 Substance Use Disorder Demonstration public comments due Jan. 13 for event scheduled Jan. 26

Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) invites public comments on the implementation of Minnesota's [1115 SUD System Reform Demonstration](#) submitted via an [online survey](#) through noon Jan. 13 and at a virtual public event held Jan. 26, 2023, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The virtual public event process includes the following components:

- Submit comments, questions or topics of interest via [online survey](#) by noon on Jan. 13, 2023.
- Comments, questions and topics submitted before noon on Jan. 13, 2023, will be incorporated into a presentation at the beginning of the public event
- Additional discussion in the time available after the presentation

Review the [Invitation for public engagement on the 1115 SUD Demonstration](#) Behavioral Health e-Memo for registration and other information. (pub. 12/29/22)

Moving Home Minnesota team to oversee relocation service coordination - targeted case management (RSC-TCM) policy beginning Jan. 1, 2023

The Minnesota Department of Human Services' Moving Home Minnesota team will oversee policy related to RSC-TCM starting Jan. 1, 2023. The change will better align work to meet needs and address gaps for people who transition from an institution to their own home in the community. Review the [A new policy home at DHS for relocation service coordination targeted case management](#) Disability Services Division eList announcement for more information about the change and new contact information.

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. 12/29/22)

2022 Provider Legislative Update posted

We posted the 2022 Provider Legislative Update. It includes a summary of key provisions passed during the 2022 Minnesota Legislative Regular Session that may affect you. Go to [2022 Minnesota Health Care Programs \(MHCP\) Provider Legislative Update \(DHS-7607D\) \(PDF\)](#) to read the update. (pub. 12/20/22)

Grants available for HCBS providers supporting rural and underserved communities

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) is offering Provider Capacity Grants to organizations serving, or looking to serve, home and community-based services (HCBS) to rural and underserved communities. The program is intended to increase the number of HCBS providers throughout Minnesota and the number of HCBS providers providing culturally specific services.

Grants of \$100,000 - \$250,000 are available to organizations to expand their ability to provide services to older adults and people with disabilities in rural and underserved communities. The State is particularly interested in organizations serving people with complex needs, the LGBTQ+ population and organizations providing language supports and culturally specific services.

Applicants who are eligible for the grants include:

- Organizations who want to become an HCBS provider for the first time
- Existing HCBS providers who want to expand their existing services to reach more people, or develop, become licensed and enroll with DHS to deliver a new service

DHS will accept grant applications through **Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023, by 4 p.m. Central Time**. Applicants can find details on the application process on the [Provider Capacity Grants](#) webpage. (pub. 12/13/22)

Nonemergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) drivers must enroll by Jan. 1, 2023, to avoid denied claims

NEMT drivers must be enrolled with Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) by Jan. 1, 2023, to avoid denied claims. Transportation agencies can enroll drivers with Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) through either one of the following ways.

- **Use the Minnesota Provider Screening and Enrollment (MPSE) portal:** Log into your transportation organization's account and select **Manage Organization to Individual Affiliations**. Follow the instructions in the [Organization to Individual](#) section in the MPSE User Manual to enroll the individual driver.
- **Fax required documents to MHCP:** Complete the following enrollment forms and fax to MHCP at 651-431-7462.
 - [Individual Provider Enrollment Application \(DHS-4016\) \(PDF\)](#).
 - Note: Under the **Individual Provider Personal Profile** section, fill in the **Background Study Number or Request ID (NEMT Drivers only)** field with the [NETStudy 2.0](#) background study number or request ID for individual NEMT driver.
 - [Individual Non-Pay-To Provider Agreement \(DHS-4611A\) \(PDF\)](#).

All providers should review and keep a copy of the [Data Privacy Notice \(DHS-6287\) \(PDF\)](#).

On July 1, 2021, Minnesota legislation began requiring all NEMT drivers to enroll with MHCP and affiliate with a transportation organization by July 1, 2022. MHCP began enrolling NEMT drivers July 1, 2021.

Contact the MHCP Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 if you have questions about this message. (pub. 12/13/22)

Dates and information for electronic visit verification (EVV) Phase 2

EVV for Wave 2 personal care service providers will launch on Dec. 12, 2022. HHAeXchange will be implementing a portal creation freeze from 4 p.m. Dec. 12, 2022, to Jan. 2, 2023. If you complete your provider survey during the freeze, HHAeXchange will create your portal after Jan. 2, 2023. Review information under Important Dates on HHAeXchange's [Minnesota Provider Information Center](#) webpage for more information.

The Minnesota Health Care Programs Provider Resource Center is not able to answer questions about this freeze. Email DHS.128@state.mn.us or MNsupport@hhaexchange.com if you have questions about the freeze. (pub. 12/9/22)

Revalidation notices to be sent, trainings scheduled

Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) will send revalidation notices in phases to the following provider types:

- [Children's Residential Treatment](#) centers (Provider type 06)
- [Community Mental Health Centers](#) (Provider type 10)
- [Targeted Case Management](#) (Provider type 44)
- [Adult Day Treatment](#) (Provider type 46)
- [Intensive Residential Treatment](#) (Provider type 50)
- [Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility](#) (Provider type PR)
- Home and Community-Based Services (Provider type 18 organizations starting with letters S and T)

Providers due for revalidation will receive a revalidation notice in their MN-ITS PRVLTR folder. We will mail your revalidation notice to the credentialing address on your enrollment record if you have not set up a MN-ITS mailbox. Do not send any revalidation documents until you receive your initial revalidation notice. You will receive a revalidation notice when you are due for revalidation. Review the [Revalidation Schedule](#) in the MHCP Provider Manual for more information. Do not call the MHCP Provider Resource Center unless you know you are due for revalidation and have not received a revalidation notice.

We have scheduled revalidation training for the following:

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)

- Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022, from 10 a.m. to noon – Go to the [MPSE Portal Revalidation Training: Home and Community-Based Services Dec. 29, 2022](#) webpage to register
- Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, from 1 to 3 p.m. – Go to the [MPSE Portal Revalidation Training: Home and Community-Based Services Jan. 9, 2023](#) webpage to register
- Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023, from 1 to 3 p.m. – Go to the [MPSE Portal Revalidation Training: Home and Community-Based Services Jan. 24, 2023](#) webpage to register

Children's Residential Treatment Centers, Community Mental Health Centers, Targeted Case Management, Adult Day Treatment, Intensive Residential Treatment and Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities

- Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, from 10 a.m. to noon – Go to the [MPSE Portal Revalidation Training: Mental Health Jan. 5, 2023](#) webpage to register
- Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, from 1 to 3 p.m. – Go to the [MPSE Portal Revalidation Training: Mental Health Jan. 11, 2023](#) webpage to register
- Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023, from 10 a.m. to noon – Go to the [MPSE Portal Revalidation Training: Mental Health Jan. 26, 2023](#) webpage to register

Review [Provider Screening Requirements](#) in the MHCP Provider Manual for more information about revalidation..

Visit the [Minnesota Provider Screening and Enrollment \(MPSE\) Portal](#) webpage to learn more about using the MPSE Portal. (pub. 11/29/22)

COVID-19 vaccines and administration codes update in progress

The Minnesota Department of Human Services is aware of the category of service edit occurring for the following COVID-19 vaccines and administration codes:

- Vaccine 91304
administration codes 0041A and 0042A
- Vaccine 91308
administration codes 0081A, 0082A and 0083A
- Vaccine 91311
administration codes 0111A, 0112A and 0113A
- Vaccine 91307
administration codes 0071A, 0072A, 0073A, and 0074A

We are working on a system fix. Continue to follow the billing instructions for [Vaccines](#) in the [Billing](#) section under Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the MHCP Provider Manual.

We will post a message on this webpage with additional billing instructions when the update is completed. (pub. 10/25/22)

Telehealth claims errors update

We are aware of the telehealth claims errors that are occurring for services provided via telehealth. We are still currently working on a system fix. Watch for a future Provider News message on this webpage for billing instructions after we complete the system update. (pub. 10/25/22)

Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) increases for claims paid in new federal fiscal year, COVID-19 FMAP percentage continues

Beginning with claims paid on or after Oct. 1, 2022, coinciding with the beginning of the federal fiscal year until the end of the federal fiscal year 2023 (Sept. 30, 2023), regular FMAP increases from 50.51% to 50.79% (1905(b) of Social Security Act).

Review the [Federal Financial Participation in State Assistance Expenditures: Federal Matching Shares for Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and Aid to Needy Aged, Blind, or Disabled Persons for October 1, 2022 Through September 30, 2023](#) Federal Register webpage for more information.

Since Jan. 1, 2020, until the end of the quarter the COVID-19 federal public health emergency ends, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (Public Law No. 116-127, section 6008) provides a temporary increase of 6.2% in the FMAP rate for the following services for children, parents or guardians with children under 19, individuals 65 and older and individuals blind or disabled:

- Individualized Education Program
- Rule 5 Children's Residential includes Institutions for Mental Disease, which receives an increase in state funds equal to the federal fund increase.
- County-provided Targeted Case Management services (Child Welfare, Mental Health and Vulnerable Adult-Developmental Disability)

The 6.2% COVID-19 FMAP increase and the Federal Fiscal Year FMAP increase to 50.79% does not apply to adults without children whose eligibility was gained under the Affordable Care Act and some other populations already receiving an enhanced FMAP.

Counties and providers do not need to do anything to receive the increased FMAP. Claims paid from Oct. 11, 2022, until the end of the quarter the COVID-19 federal public health emergency has ended (defined by federal government) will be paid at the higher 56.99% rate. If the COVID-19 federal public health emergency ends before Sept. 30, 2023, the percentage paid will be 50.79%.

Contact the MHCP Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 if you have questions about this message. (pub. 10/11/22)

Free Organizational Transformation webinars for Employment and Day Service providers

The Minnesota Transformation Initiative (MTI) in collaboration with the Minnesota Organization for Habilitation and Rehabilitation (MOHR) will hold quarterly trainings focused on organizational transformation to support community engagement and competitive employment. These trainings are free and open to any employment and day service provider in Minnesota.

Webinars will be held on the following dates from 1 - 2:30 p.m.:

- Feb. 16, 2023
- May 18, 2023
- Aug. 17, 2023
- Nov. 16, 2023
- Feb. 15, 2024

Planned training topics include:

- Setting a vision and defining success for transformation
- Managing through change (including supporting staff, clarifying roles, identifying professional development, and communication with staff)
- Financial stability and sustainability
- Moving from center-based to community-based services
- Employer engagement

Each session will include perspectives and special considerations for rural providers.

Registration for each quarterly webinar will be sent through the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) Employment First email list. Sign up to receive the email by visiting and scrolling to the bottom of the [Employment First](#) webpage. Trainings will be recorded, and recordings will be sent to all who register.

The Minnesota Transformation Initiative is a project funded by (DHS) to support the transition of people with disabilities receiving subminimum wages into competitive, integrated employment. Email Danielle Mahoehney at mahoe001@umn.edu for more information about MTI project activities. (pub. 10/6/22)

Minnesota Health Care Programs Provider Manual webpage issues

We made an update on Sept. 27 to the web platform that houses the MHCP Provider Manual and it caused some formatting and spacing issues, as well as other unexpected behavior, on some provider manual webpages. We are aware of the issue and we are working to get it resolved as soon as possible. (pub. 9/30/22)

Training

Minnesota Provider Screening and Enrollment (MPSE) portal live demonstrations

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) will be offering monthly live demonstrations of various functions in the [MPSE Portal](#). Live demonstrations take place on the first Wednesday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. starting on **Sept 7, 2022**. There will be three categories of live demonstrations provided on a rotating basis. These live demonstrations are free of charge.

Categories of live demonstrations include:

- New Provider Enrollment
 - How to enroll in MPSE as a first-time provider
 - Shows the steps for enrollment from registration to submission
- Managing Enrollment Records
 - How to enroll new locations
 - How to update services, credentials, addresses, and other enrollment information
- Managing Affiliations
 - How to affiliate an individual provider to an organization
 - How to affiliate an organization to an individual provider
 - How to affiliate an organization to a direct support worker
 - How to affiliate a trading partner

Who should attend?

- Owners of MHCP-enrolled organizations or individual providers
- Employees of MHCP-enrolled organizations who maintain provider enrollment records
- Employees of MHCP-enrolled organizations who process affiliations
- Employees of MHCP-enrolled organizations responsible for MHCP compliance
- Anyone interested in learning more about the MPSE portal

Register for these demonstrations on the [MPSE portal training](#) webpage where you can also find on-demand videos and links to more information about the MPSE portal. (pub. 8/18/22)

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. We have updated on-demand and online training opportunities 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. All instructor-led training is online only. (pub. 11/22/22)

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 review the list of available training. We have added an Equipment and Supplies training session and have updated training dates for 2023 for all of the following:

- Child and Teen Checkups
- Dental
- Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention

- Housing Stabilization Services
- Housing Support Supplemental Services
- Individualized education program
- Mental health
- Nursing Facilities
- Personal Care Assistance
- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities
- Substance Use Disorder
- Waiver and Alternative Care

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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:

- [Adding an Organization to Individual Provider Affiliation in MPSE](#) – This video demonstrates how an organization adds an affiliation to an individual provider who is already registered with MPSE and has an active enrollment status with the Minnesota Health Care Programs, or MHCP.
- [Adding an Affiliation to a Direct Support Worker in MPSE](#) – This video demonstrates how an organization adds an affiliation to a DSW who is an active MHCP provider and enrolled in the MPSE portal.
- [Revalidation for MHCP Providers](#) – In this video, we explain what revalidation is, how MHCP notifies enrolled providers that they need to revalidate and where they would find information on how to revalidate.
- [Managing Services and Credentials in MPSE](#) – In this video, we demonstrate how a provider manages their services and credentials in an active enrollment record. A provider would do this anytime a service is added.
- [Managing Addresses in MPSE](#) – We demonstrate how an organization or individual provider manages or adds an address in an active enrollment record in this video.

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Free online Minnesota Provider Screening and Enrollment (MPSE) training available

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

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, 7/27/22)

Additional information

- [Provider news and updates archive](#)
- [MHCP provider policies and procedures](#)
- [Latest Manual Revisions](#)

- [Grants and requests for proposals](#)

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