

January 30, 2024 – February 12, 2024

Systems announcements

We will update this section with information about MN–ITS availability, technical information and other systems announcements when necessary. Drug and Alcohol Abuse Normative Evaluation System (DAANES) overnight processing is back online and processing records

We have resolved the DAANES overnight validation issue that caused us to pause overnight processing beginning Feb. 1 through Feb. 8. You may continue to enter records into DAANES as you normally would. Email

DHS.DAANES@state.mn.us if you have questions about this message or need help with DAANES issues. (pub. 2/9/24)

Update on 2024 Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI) rate increases

We have corrected the issue that was preventing some claims for EIDBI services from paying at the increased 2024 rates and a mass adjustment will occur to reimburse providers for the difference. You can expect the adjustments to begin appearing on Feb. 13 warrants. The issue was impacting service agreements previously approved for the 97153, 97154, 97155, 97156, 97157, H0046 and 0373T EIDBI service codes. The H0032, T1024 and 97151 service codes that did not require authorization paid correctly at the increased 2024 rates and continue to do so.

You must input the new 2024 rates on all EIDBI service claims for dates of service beginning Jan. 1, 2024. Refer to the [EIDBI billing grid](#) and [Minnesota Health Care Programs \(MHCP\) Fee Schedule](#) for the most current rate information. Call the [MHCP Provider Resource Center](#) at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 if you have questions about this message. (pub. 2/9/24)

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) outpatient facilities and hospital-based residential providers must enroll in the 1115 SUD Demonstration

The following SUD providers are required by Minnesota Statutes, 256B.0759, subdivision 2, to enroll in the Substance Use Disorder 1115 Demonstration by Jan. 1, 2025:

- Minnesota nonresidential (outpatient) treatment providers licensed by Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) and enrolled in Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP)
- Hospital-based residential treatment providers licensed by DHS and enrolled in MHCP

Tribally licensed providers may elect to participate in the demonstration. Email 1115demonstration.dhs@state.mn.us if you have questions or would like help completing your enrollment application. (pub. 2/6/24)

Dental services copays effective Jan. 1, 2024

Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) implemented the following copays for dental services effective Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2024.

- Preventive and non-preventive dental services: No copay for Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare members

- Emergency department visits for a toothache or other non-traumatic dental condition: Emergency department copay will apply to MinnesotaCare members.

State and federal laws require MHCP members to share in the costs of their health care. Cost-sharing includes copays and deductibles. We allow providers to bill members under certain circumstances. Refer to the [Billing the Member \(Recipient\)](#) section under Provider Basics in the MHCP Provider Manual for more information on copays and family deductibles. (pub. 2/6/24)

PCA qualified professional can now conduct supervision remotely for certain populations

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) updated personal care assistance (PCA) policy to reflect a recent change in statute about remote qualified professional (QP) supervision, effective immediately.

The QP may conduct the required supervision remotely for a member with chronic health conditions or a severely compromised immune system after obtaining documentation from their primary health care provider. The QP must still conduct the initial supervision in person or complete the PCA care plan in person.

Review the Aging and Adult Services Division and Disability Services Division eList announcement [Update to PCA remote QP supervision policy for certain populations](#) for more information. (pub. 2/6/24)

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Normative Evaluation System (DAANES) overnight processing paused until Feb. 7

Minnesota Health Care Programs paused DAANES overnight processing for all DAANES records beginning Feb. 1 until Feb. 7, 2024. We have identified an issue with the Comprehensive Assessment H0001 end date in the DAANES system which is causing the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) claims to deny with claim status reason code 107. Other claims for SUD services for DAANES records previously processed through Feb. 1 were not affected. We will update you after the system issue is resolved. Email DHS.DAANES@state.mn.us if you have any questions about this message. (pub. 2/2/24)

Recuperative Care program webinar scheduled for Feb. 15; open to all providers

Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) will host a webinar about its new Recuperative Care program on Feb. 15, 2024, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. All providers, especially those interested in offering recuperative care services, are welcomed to attend. Go to the [Recuperative Care Overview](#) webpage to register. You will receive an email invitation immediately after you register.

Participants need the following to attend the webinar.

- Ability to connect to the webinar from their own computers. You do not need special hardware or software. We recommend not using a phone or tablet.
- Ability to communicate with presenters using the chat feature available as part of the webinar session.
- Internet access.
- Speakers or a headset.

Recuperative care providers support people experiencing homelessness to prevent hospitalization or provide medical care and support services when they are unable to recover from a physical illness when living in a shelter or are otherwise unhoused. MHCP members receive recuperative care services when they don't need to be hospitalized or remain hospitalized, or don't meet severity of illness for other levels of care. (pub. 2/2/24)

Doula provider enrollment training with a live demonstration of the MPSE portal scheduled for Feb. 5 and 12

Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) will host two webinar trainings for doula organizations and individual providers wanting to enroll with MHCP. You will learn about the MHCP provider enrollment manual and view a live demonstration of the enrollment process in the Minnesota Provider Screening and Enrollment portal.

Providers only need to attend one webinar. We will present the same information in both sessions.

- Monday, Feb. 5, 2024, from 10 a.m. to noon – Register for [Feb. 5 Live Demonstration](#)
- Monday, Feb. 12, 2024, from 1 to 3 p.m. – Register for [Feb. 12 Live Demonstration](#)

Participants need the following to attend the webinar.

- Ability to connect to the webinar from their own computers. You do not need special hardware or software. We recommend not using a phone or tablet.
- Ability to communicate with presenters using the chat feature available as part of the webinar session.
- Internet access.
- Speakers or a headset.

(pub. 2/1/24)

Bill MHCP for waiver services specialized equipment and supplies without Medicare coordination of benefits information

The Minnesota Department of Human Services has determined the waiver services specialized equipment and supplies procedure code T2029 is not covered by Medicare. When billing Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) for waiver services, providers must submit waiver services claims without Medicare coordination of benefits (COB) information.

Review the [Specialized Equipment & Supplies Authorization & Billing Responsibilities](#) for more information. Call the MHCP Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411, option 4, if you have questions about this message. (pub. 1/29/24)

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved waiver amendments

On Jan. 16, 2024, CMS approved amendments for the following waiver programs:

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

Review the [Waiver amendments approved by CMS](#) Disability Services Division (DSD) eList announcement for information about implementation of changes and clarifications.

Use the [Disability Services Division Contact Form](#) if you have any questions about this message. (pub. 1/29/24)

Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) experiencing high call volume

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)

Housing Stabilization Services Moving Expenses MN–ITS training offered

Minnesota Department of Human Services is offering free training via webinar for Housing Stabilization Services providers focusing on submitting claims for Moving Expenses using MN–ITS.

Learning objectives

Providers will learn how to submit a MN–ITS claim for Housing Stabilization Services Moving Expenses.

Dates and times

Sessions are available on the following dates from 10 a.m. to noon. We provide the same information on each of the following dates:

- Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024. Go to [MN–ITS Training for Housing Stabilization Services Moving Expenses Feb. 8, 2024](#), to register.
- Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024. Go to [MN–ITS Training for Housing Stabilization Services Moving Expenses Feb. 29, 2024](#), to register.
- Thursday, March 21, 2024. Go to [MN–ITS Training for Housing Stabilization Services Moving Expenses March 21, 2024](#), to register.
(pub. 1/26/24)

New COVID-19 vaccine and administration codes available; claims to be reprocessed

Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) is updating our system with the following new current procedural terminology (CPT) codes for reporting monovalent (single strain) COVID-19 vaccines and new single administration code. We will reprocess claims back to Sept. 11, 2023, when the update is completed.

The following new COVID-19 vaccines CPT codes are effective for dates of service on, or after, Sept. 11, 2023.

- 91304 (SARS-COV-2 VAC 5MCG/0.5ml IM Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine)
- 91318 (SARSCOV2 VACC 3MCG/0.3ML TRIS-SUCROSE Pfizer-BioNTech)
- 91319 (SARSCOV2 VACC 10MCG/0.3ML TRIS-SUCROSE Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine)
- 91320 (SARSCOV2 VACC 30MCG/0.3ML TRIS-SUCROSE Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine)
- 91321 (SARSCOV2 VACCINE 25 MCG/0.25 ML Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine)
- 91322 (SARSCOV2 VACCINE 50 MCG/0.5 ML Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine)

The following new COVID-19 vaccine administration code is effective for dates of service on, or after, Sept. 11, 2023.

- 90480 immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-COV2) (coronavirus disease [covid-19]) vaccine, single dose
- Report the administration code for the administration of vaccine CPT code 91304, 91318, 91319, 91320, 91321 and 91322

We will post a Provider News message on this webpage when claims are reprocessed. Note, we do not guarantee payment after reprocessing if the claim is not submitted following MHCP guidelines.

For eligible MHCP members ages 0-18, MHCP will only reimburse for the administration of the COVID-19 vaccines available through Minnesota Vaccines for Children (MnVFC). Refer to [Billing for Child Vaccines](#) for billing instructions.

For eligible MHCP members ages 19 and older, MHCP reimburses for COVID-19 vaccines and vaccine administration. Refer to [Billing for Adult and Non MnVFC Vaccines](#) for billing instructions. (pub. 1/25/24)

Professional Statement of Need form available for Moving Home Minnesota eligibility and new options in the MHM Communication Form

Professional Statement of Need (PSN) form now available

Qualified professionals and people seeking Moving Home Minnesota (MHM) transition services can now use [Professional Statement of Need \(DHS-7122\) \(PDF\)](#) to meet the screening requirements for MHM eligibility and enrollment. Refer to the [PSN form now available for MHM eligibility and enrollment process](#) eList announcement for qualifications and requirements.

New options in the MHM Communication Form

Effective immediately, providers billing for MHM services will now have the option to use the [MHM Communication Form \(DHS-6759H\)](#) to request Minnesota Health Care Programs to review denied or suspended claims due to the following reasons:

- The claim is beyond 180 days of Transition Coordination,
- Relocation service coordination (RSC) and MHM in the same month
- Transition Planning Tool

When filling out the MHM Communication Form, select “Denied Claims” as the reason for the communication. Complete the additional information and submit the form for review.

Providers billing for MHM services also have the option to use the [MHM Communication Form \(DHS-6759H\)](#) to submit supporting documentation. These can include the Assessment, Community Support Plan, Community Supports Services Plan, PSN, Release of Information, Transition Planning Tool, and other pertinent documents. In this case, select “Supporting Documents” as the reason for communication, complete the additional information, and submit the forms for review.

Attend one of the following sessions to learn more about the PSN and the new options in the MHM Communications.

- Office hours for providers: January 31, 2024; 9 to 10:30 a.m. (virtual) Click [join providers office hours](#).
- Office hours for lead agencies: January 31, 2024; 11 a.m. to noon (virtual) [join lead agencies office hours](#).
- Community of practice for all: February 28, 2024; 10 a.m. to noon (both virtual and in-person at the Minnesota Department of Human Services’ Andersen Building, 540 Cedar St., St. Paul, in room 2360) [join community of practice](#). (Intended for provider or lead agency staff)

(pub. 1/22/24)

Moving Expenses webinars scheduled for Housing Stabilization Services providers

We have scheduled three webinars for Housing Stabilization Services providers to learn about Moving Expenses, which are set to become a covered service beginning April 1, 2024.

Providers will learn what is covered as Moving Expenses, who is eligible to receive them, how to submit claims for Moving Expense services and more. Each webinar will have the same content. Webinars will be held on the following dates and times:

- Feb. 5, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. - noon. Go to the [Housing Stabilization Services – Moving Expenses Overview, Feb. 5, 2024](#), webpage to register.
- Feb. 22, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. - noon. Go to the [Housing Stabilization Services - Moving Expenses Overview, Feb. 22, 2024](#), webpage to register.
- March 13, 2024, from 1 - 3:30 p.m. Go to the [Housing Stabilization Services - Moving Expenses Overview, March 13, 2024](#), webpage to register.

Email dshhousingstabilization@state.mn.us if you have questions about this message. (pub. 1/19/24)

Hospital services providers may independently bill for long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs) effective Jan. 1, 2024

Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP)-enrolled hospital services providers may now bill all LARCs outside of a labor and delivery inpatient hospital bundle effective Jan. 1, 2024. LARCs include any birth control device that provides long-term pregnancy protection. Refer to [Family Planning](#) under Reproductive Health/OB-GYN in the MHCP Provider Manual for information about billing.

Call the MHCP Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 with questions about this message. (pub. 1/19/24)

Incontinence product lists updated

We updated testing for Essity products on the 2020-2024 Incontinence Products Lists by [Manufacturer](#) and [HCPCS](#). We updated testing for 21 products. The updates are effective Jan. 17, 2024.

Call the Minnesota Health Care Programs Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 with questions about this message. (pub. 1/19/24)

Providers asked to encourage people to sign up for the Virtual Insight Panel

Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) and partners will conduct a study this spring and summer to gather public feedback about people's experiences with the following services:

- Positive support services
- Crisis services
- Specialist services
- Respite services

DHS requests those service providers encourage people with disabilities receiving those services or their representatives to sign up for the [Virtual Insight Panel \(VIP\)](#) before the study begins. Members of the VIP, as well as many other audience groups including providers, will be asked to provide feedback on those services and related regulations later this year. (pub. 1/19/24)

Local county or tribal agency nonemergency medical transportation (NEMT) 2024 mileage rate increases

2024 mileage rate increases for local county or tribal agency NEMT have been implemented and include the following updates.

- 2024 IRS mileage reimbursement rate for licensed foster parents and volunteer drivers: Increased to \$0.67 cents per mile effective Jan. 1, 2024. This impacts personal mileage code A0090 with UC modifier for licensed foster parents and personal mileage code A0080 for volunteer drivers. Both mileage codes include the 2024 fuel adjuster.
- Unassisted Transport (Mode 3): Base rate increased to \$12.10. Mileage rate increased to \$1.43 per mile and includes the 2024 fuel adjuster.
- Assisted transport (Mode 4): Base rate increased to \$14.30. Mileage rate increased to \$1.43 per mile and includes the 2024 fuel adjuster.

Review [Local County or Tribal Agency NEMT Services Claim, Service and Rate Information](#) under Transportation Services in the Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) Provider Manual for more information.

Call the Minnesota Health Care Programs Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 with questions about this message. (pub. 1/10/24)

EIDBI rate increase and MPSE workaround for new provider shortage variances

The following rate increase and Minnesota Provider Screening Enrollment (MPSE) portal information is intended for Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI) providers.

EIDBI rate increases starting Jan. 1, 2024

Rates for EIDBI services were increased effective Jan. 1, 2024, during the 2023 legislative session. We have determined that claims requiring a service agreement that we have received with dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2024, are still paying at the 2023 rate. This is impacting service agreements previously approved for the 97153, 97154, 97155, 97156, 97157, H0046 and 0373T EIDBI service codes. The H0032, T1024 and 97151 service codes that don't require authorization, are paying correctly at the increased 2024 rates.

We are working to correct this issue and will update providers when more information is available. Refer to the [EIDBI billing grid](#) and [Minnesota Health Care Programs \(MHCP\) Fee Schedule](#) for the most current rate information.

MPSE workaround for enrolling clinical staff using new provider shortage variances

New provider shortage variances for EIDBI individual providers were approved effective Jan. 1, 2024, but have not yet been added as “Credential” options in the MPSE portal’s “Credentials” page. We expect the new variances to be added as credential options by June 2024.

You should upload the DHS-7120 (D, E, or F) assurance statements in the “CREDENTIALS” section of your enrollment request when enrolling EIDBI clinical staff using one of the newly approved variances until the MPSE portal has been updated. DO NOT upload the assurance statement into the “NOTES” section.

We will review and process the attestations initialed on the provider assurance statement submitted because the new variance credentials are not available to select in the MPSE portal. We will post a message on this webpage after the new variance credentials are available as options in the portal.

Refer to the “Legislative and state plan amendment approvals for Early Intensive Developmental Intervention (EIDBI) effective Jan. 1, 2024” message posted on this webpage Dec. 21, 2023, for more information on the new EIDBI provider shortage variances. Call the [MHCP Provider Resource Center](#) at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 if you have questions about this message. (pub. 1/10/24)

MHCP has sent personal care assistance Steps for Success certificates for the Dec. 6-8 workshop

Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) has sent providers who attended the [PCA Steps for Success](#) workshop on Dec. 6-8, 2023, their certificates of completion via the email address used to register for the training. Providers who completed the training should receive the certificate by the end of the business day on Jan. 10, 2024. If you have any questions, call the MHCP Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411. (pub. 1/10/24)

Processing delay for dental claims

The Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) [dental benefits](#) for 2024 have been implemented and reflect there are no longer age or pregnancy status as qualifiers effective Jan. 1, 2024, because of legislation passed during the 2023 Session ([Minnesota Statutes, 256B.0625](#), subdivision 9).

We are currently experiencing a processing delay which may cause claims to pay incompletely. We will automatically reprocess all dental claims that were paid incompletely when the system update is completed. No action is needed at this time from providers.

We will post a message on this webpage with updated claim and billing information when available. (pub.1/4/24)

DHS to begin to send monthly provider revalidation notices

Starting January 2024, the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) will send revalidation notices on the 15th of every month (or the next business day if the 15th is on a weekend or holiday). Check the [Revalidation](#) section of the Provider Screening Requirements page of the Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) Provider Manual for more information on revalidation and to view the revalidation schedule. The revalidation schedule will be updated on an ongoing basis.

You will receive a revalidation request letter to notify you that your revalidation is due. DHS will place revalidation request letters into the **PRVLTR** folder of your MN–ITS mailbox. Refer to the [MN–ITS Mailbox User Guide](#) for instructions on using the mailbox or review the [Using the MN–ITS Mailbox](#) on-demand video.

If you do not have a registered MN–ITS account, DHS will send the revalidation request letter via U.S. Postal Service. To ensure there is no delay in receiving your notice, update your information, such as practice address and mailing address, whenever it changes. If you received your revalidation request letter through the U.S. Postal Service, you need to register your MN–ITS account to ensure timely notifications. Refer to the Welcome Letter you received when you first enrolled for instructions to register for MN–ITS. If you do not have a copy of your Welcome Letter, call the [MHCP Provider Resource Center](#) to ask for a copy.

You can also see if you are due for revalidation using the [Minnesota Provider Screening and Enrollment \(MPSE\)](#) portal. Log into MN-ITS and click on the MPSE portal link. This will open the **Manage Portfolio** page. Go to the **Revalidations** section and click on the **Manage Enrollment Records Due for Revalidation** link. This will take you to the **Enrollment Records with a Revalidation In-Process** page which will display a list of enrollment records due for revalidation. Review the [Revalidation MPSE User Manual](#) page for additional instructions on completing your revalidation in the MPSE portal.

When you receive your revalidation notice, if you do not submit all required documentation within the required timelines and do not comply with all screening requirements, DHS may revoke your billing privileges and end your MHCP enrollment ([Minnesota Statutes, 256B.04, subdivision 22](#) and [256B.064](#)). (pub. 1/2/24)

Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) covers seizure detection devices beginning Jan. 1, 2024

MHCP covers seizure detection devices effective Jan. 1, 2024. Seizure detection devices are covered for MHCP members who have epilepsy, have a diagnosis of convulsive seizures, and meet applicable criteria listed in the [Seizure Detection Devices](#) section of the MHCP Provider Manual. MHCP only covers devices approved by the FDA. MHCP only reimburses for the standard subscription plan for the telemonitoring component. Call the MHCP Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 if you have questions about this message. (pub. 1/2/24)

New Recuperative Care program expands coverage for MHCP members experiencing homelessness

The Minnesota Department of Human Services now covers medical care and support services to Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) members experiencing homelessness when they are unable to recover from a physical illness when unhoused or living in a shelter, but do not need to be hospitalized, through its new Recuperative Care program which launched on Jan. 1, 2024.

Recuperative Care program services may include basic nursing care, counseling and social services. These services may help prevent or reduce hospitalization, Emergency Department visits or hospital readmissions for eligible members.

Refer to the [Recuperative Care](#) section in the MHCP Provider Manual for complete policy and billing information.

Call the MHCP Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 with questions about this message. (pub. 1/1/24)

2024 dental benefit updates

The Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) dental benefit no longer has age or pregnancy status as qualifiers effective Jan. 1, 2024, because of legislation passed during the 2023 Session ([Minnesota Statutes, 256B.0625](#), subdivision 9). We made the following changes to the MHCP Provider Manual to reflect these updates.

- Dental Benefits for Non-Pregnant Adults expired as of 11:59 p.m. on Dec. 31, 2023.
- Dental Benefits for Children and Pregnant Women is now named [Dental Benefits](#) effective Jan. 1, 2024.

Note, Program HH maintains an additional [dental benefit set](#).

The following new codes released by the American Dental Association for 2024 are included in the dental benefit. These codes will not have a set rate at this time.

Code	Description	Limits
D1301	Immunization Counseling	Once per member per year
D2976	Band Stabilization per tooth	Once per tooth number per 90 days
D2989	Excavation of tooth resulting in the determination of non-restorability	Once per tooth number
D2991	Application of hydroxyapatite regeneration medicament – per tooth	

D6089	Accessing and re-torquing loose implant screw – per screw	
D7284	Excisional biopsy of minor salivary gland	
D9957	Screening for sleep related breathing disorders	

Coverage changed for the following codes.

Code	Description	Limits
D1310	Nutritional Counseling	Once per member per year No Prior Authorization
D1320	Tobacco Counseling	Once per member per year No Prior Authorization
D1321	Substance Use counselling	Once per member per year No Prior Authorization
D1330	Oral Hygiene Instruction	Once per member per year No Prior Authorization
D1351	Sealant	Once per permanent molar per five years – age limit removed No Prior Authorization
D8010-D8040 and D8070-D8090	Orthodontics	Age restriction removed Authorization criteria are unchanged.

Call the MHCP Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 with questions about this message. (pub. 1/1/24)

System edit in progress for COVID-19 vaccine, CPT code 91318

The Minnesota Department of Human Services is working on a category of service system edit for the Pfizer-BioNtech COVID-19 vaccine (CPT code 91318). Providers should continue to follow the [Billing for Vaccines](#) instructions under Immunizations and Vaccinations in the Minnesota Health Care Programs Provider Manual.

We will post a future Provider News message on this webpage with billing instructions when the system update is completed. (pub. 12/29/23)

Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) application fee increase effective Jan. 1, 2024

The MHCP provider application fee will be \$709 per practice location beginning Jan. 1, 2024. You must pay the fee that applies to the calendar year we receive your application if you are required to pay a fee. We must receive your application fee before we can process your enrollment application.

Refer to Application Fees in the [Provider Screening Requirements](#) section of the MHCP Provider Manual for more information. (pub. 12/28/23)

Legislative and state plan amendment approvals for Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI) effective Jan. 1, 2024

The following legislative and state plan amendment approvals are effective for EIDBI providers beginning Jan. 1, 2024.

Legislative changes

Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) will enact the following legislative changes that passed in the 2023 session:

- Provider qualification changes to ensure Native American providers can enroll as Level II providers
- Rate increases of 14.99% for EIDBI services

Refer to [Minnesota Laws 2023, Chapter 61](#), article 1, sections 19 and 72, to review the complete legislation.

State plan amendment changes

DHS has obtained federal approval for two provider variances to continue to address the direct care workforce shortage effective Jan. 1, 2024. Refer to [The direct care workforce shortage in Minnesota](#) and the [Building EIDBI provider capacity](#) webpages for more information about the workforce shortage.

- **Level I variance:** DHS is implementing the following Level I variance to help account for experience within EIDBI provider agencies. This variance recognizes the value of clinical experience and accounts for the barriers to advanced education, such as cost, time and other commitments. The Level I provider must meet all the following requirements to qualify for the variance:
 - Be employed by an EIDBI provider agency.
 - Have at least 6,000 hours of clinical experience providing early intervention services in the treatment modality the EIDBI provider agency uses (refer to the [Treatment modalities](#) webpage).
 - Have a bachelor's degree in a related field.
 - Complete the required training for level III providers on the [Individual EIDBI provider trainings](#) webpage.

Refer to [Level I provider qualifications, roles and responsibilities](#) webpage for existing policy information about Level I providers.

- **Level II variance:** DHS is implementing the following Level II variance to help expand the workforce of EIDBI providers to meet the growing need. The Level II provider must meet all the following requirements to qualify for the variance:
 - Be employed by an EIDBI provider agency.
 - Be age 18 or older.
 - Complete initial certification in the treatment modality the EIDBI provider agency uses (refer to the [Treatment modalities](#) webpage).
 - Complete the required training for Level III providers on the [Individual EIDBI provider trainings](#) webpage.
 - Receive observation and direction from an advanced certification provider at least once per week until meeting 1,000 hours of supervised clinical experience.

Refer to the [Level II provider qualifications, roles and responsibilities](#) webpage for existing policy information about Level II providers.

DHS submitted these variance proposals to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services according to [Minnesota Statutes, 256B.0949](#), subdivision 17.

Additional information

The approved state plan amendment includes the legislative changes and the variance changes. Refer to [TN: 23-17 Provider Qualifications and Training \(PDF\)](#) for more information.

Questions

Contact us using the [ASD contact form](#) if you have questions about this message. (pub. 12/21/23)

DHS reminds providers that the minimum wage for direct support workers in CDCS, CSG, and PCA Choice increases January 1

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) sent Personal Care Assistance (PCA) Choice agencies and Financial Management Service (FMS) providers a memo in their MN-ITS PRVLTR folder on December 19, 2023, with a reminder of the new minimum wage rate of \$19.00 that goes into effect **January 1, 2024**, for direct support workers who provide Consumer Directed Community Supports (CDCS), Consumer Support Grant (CSG) and PCA Choice services. The subject of the memo was "Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Healthcare Minnesota and Iowa Contract Requirements for 2023-2025."

PCA Choice and FMS providers are responsible for knowing the information contained in the original "SEIU Healthcare Minnesota and Iowa Contract Requirements for 2023-2025" memo (sent to providers' MN-ITS mailbox June 23, 2023) and for implementing the terms of the contract on their effective dates. (pub. 12/20/23)

RSV vaccine approved for pregnant people

Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) will cover the administration of the RSV vaccine named ABRYSV0 (CPT code 90678) for pregnant people effective Aug. 21, 2023. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved ABRYSV0 (CPT code 90678) for pregnant people to protect babies from RSV through their first six months. It's a single dose vaccine from Pfizer and one of same vaccines approved for adults 60 and older.

MHCP will post a Provider News message with billing information on this webpage when providers can submit claims for ABRYSV0 (CPT code 90678).

Call the MHCP Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 with questions about this message. (pub. 12/19/23)

Reminder: Waiver allowing PCA agencies to bill for services provided by certain family members ended Nov. 11

We explained on Sept. 27 on this webpage that the temporary waiver allowing personal care assistance (PCA) agencies to hire certain family members to be paid to provide PCA services ended Nov. 11, 2023. This is a reminder this temporary waiver ended Nov. 11, 2023.

The family members that the waiver allowed to be paid for providing PCA services were:

- Parents of minors
- Stepparents of minors
- Legal guardians of minors
- Spouses

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) previously announced an extension of the end date for this waiver in a [May 12, 2023, eList](#).

Effective **Nov. 12, 2023**, Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) or a person's managed care organization (MCO) cannot pay PCA agencies for claims with dates of service provided after Nov. 11, 2023, by these family members.

People and families should work together with their PCA agency to develop an alternative plan for providing PCA services. They can contact their lead agency (county, tribal government, or managed care organization) for additional support if they continue to struggle with staffing.

Review the [Sept. 26, 2023, eList](#) announcement for more information.

Contact the MHCP Provider Resource Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 or use the [Disability Services Division Contact Form](#) to submit an inquiry with questions. (pub. 9/27/23 and 10/24/23, rev. 12/5/23)

Updated webpage and new tools help Minnesotans keep their health insurance as renewals resume in public health care programs

Minnesota Department of Human Services refreshed the [Renew My Coverage](#) webpage and will launch new tools in the coming weeks to make it easier for Minnesotans to keep their health insurance now that annual member eligibility renewals have resumed in public health care programs. Please share this information with the members you serve.

Members should look for:

- A new envelope design to help renewal paperwork stand out better in mailboxes. Envelopes are now marked with a blue circle with the text "Important information enclosed."
- A new [document upload tool](#) that allows members to skip the postage and upload their annual eligibility renewal documents online. Enrollees can also submit renewal paperwork by postal mail, dropping it off at their county or tribal office, fax or by giving their information verbally over the phone.

Members will soon be able to:

- Use a new renewal date lookup tool to find out when to watch their mail for renewal information.
- Receive text messages from the number “28343” when it’s time to fill out and submit their renewal paperwork.

We are committed to ensuring that eligible Minnesotans retain their public coverage when renewal processes resume as required by Congressional legislation that [states to return to standard Medicaid eligibility procedures](#). On the [Renew my coverage](#) webpage, we have created a one-stop shop for Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare members with all the information they need about how to keep their insurance.

The most important thing enrollees can do now to prepare for their renewal is to [Update their contact information](#). Members who have moved in the last three years should update their address, phone number and email, so they can be reached.

Renewal information will be mailed to members in monthly waves or “cohorts” each month for the next 12 months. The first group of Minnesotans due for their renewal paperwork will get their renewal information mailed within the next few weeks. (pub. 4/27/23)

COVID-19 vaccines and administration codes update

Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) posted a Provider News message on October 25, 2022, about 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

The category of service edit is now fixed. We reprocessed claims back to the effective dates for the covered codes included in this message.

Find the effective dates for the covered codes on the [MHCP fee schedule](#) webpage or under [Vaccines](#) in the [Billing](#) section under Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the MHCP Provider Manual. (pub. 1/31/23)

Free Organizational Transformation webinar for Employment and Day Service providers

The Minnesota Transformation Initiative (MTI) in collaboration with the Minnesota Organization for Habilitation and Rehabilitation (MOHR) will hold another quarterly training webinar focused on organizational transformation to support community engagement and competitive employment. The training is free and open to any employment and day service provider in Minnesota. The webinar will be held on Feb. 15, 2024, from 1 - 2:30 p.m.

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

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

Registration for the 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. The training will be recorded, and a recording 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)

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 scheduled 2024 training sessions for the following:

- Child and Teen Checkups
- Chiropractic services
- Dental services
- Early Intensive Developmental Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI)
- Equipment and supplies
- Federally qualified health centers (FQHC) and rural health clinics (RHC)
- Home care services
- Housing stabilization services
- Housing Support Supplemental services
- Individualized education program (IEP) services
- Mental health
- Minnesota Provider Screening and Enrollment Portal
- Nursing facilities
- PCA provider agencies
- Substance use disorder services
- Waiver services and Alternative Care program

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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)

On-demand training videos

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. (pub. 12/13/22)

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.