Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP)
Requirements for Incontinence Products

MHCP only covers adult-sized disposable incontinence briefs, underwear, liners, guards, pads and shields that appear on the most current MHCP Incontinence Products List. Belted undergarments are included in the liners, guards, pads and shields category.

MHCP covers any pediatric and youth-sized briefs and underwear when coverage criteria are met. MHCP also covers any underpads when coverage criteria are met. There is no need to submit testing for these products.

MHCP Incontinence Products List – Adding or removing products

Any manufacturer, distributor or supplier can request that products be added to the MHCP Incontinence Products List by submitting the name of the manufacturer, the product name, the product size, the waist measurement, all product numbers for the product and the appropriate Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) code for each product, in the following format:

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<tr>
<th>Manufacturer</th>
<th>Product name</th>
<th>Product size (S-4XL)</th>
<th>Waist size range (in inches)</th>
<th>Product numbers</th>
<th>HCPCS code</th>
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The requestor must arrange for products to be tested by an independent laboratory, using the MHCP testing requirements listed in the Testing requirements section of this document. MHCP will add products if a report is received from an independent laboratory, dated no more than six months before the date of request, showing that the products meet MHCP criteria. Requestors may ask to add products to the MHCP Incontinence Products List at any time by following the procedures above. MHCP will publish the list on the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) website and will update it when additional products are added, but no more than bi-weekly.

Products may remain on the MHCP Incontinence Products List for approximately four years. MHCP will remove products from the list at any time on request from the manufacturer. If there is a change to manufacturing that can reasonably be expected to affect a product on the list, MHCP will require a new report from an independent laboratory. If MHCP has a good-faith belief that a product no longer meets MHCP criteria, a new report from an independent laboratory will be required. The manufacturer, distributor or supplier must notify MHCP if there is a change to the product number.
Testing requirements

Follow these testing requirements:

- For each test, complete five replicates, with the arithmetic average of the five replicates reported to MHCP.
- Perform testing on the smallest size from each product line and size large of all adult product lines to be placed on the MHCP Incontinence Products List.
- Perform testing for all products according to the Nonwovens Standard Procedures, 2015 Edition, published by INDA (the Association of the Nonwovens Fabrics Industry) and EDANA (the international association serving the nonwovens and related industries), as specified here:
  - Perform testing for rewet on briefs and disposable underwear using INDA WSP 070.9.R1(15)
    - Briefs: 100 ml fluid add-on for youth and small sizes, 200 ml for all other sizes
    - Disposable underwear: 100 ml fluid add-on for all sizes
  - Perform testing for rate of acquisition on briefs and disposable underwear using INDA WSP 070.9.R1(15)
    - Briefs: 100 ml fluid add-on for youth and small sizes, 200 ml for all other sizes
    - Disposable underwear: 100 ml fluid add-on for all sizes
  - Perform testing for breathability on briefs and disposable underwear using INDA WSP 070.1R3(15)
  - Perform testing for retention capacity on briefs and disposable underwear, disposable underpads, and disposable liniers, guards, pads and shields using INDA WSP 070.10.R1(15)

Laboratory requirements

Follow these laboratory requirements:

- The independent laboratory must submit test results to the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Purchasing and Service Delivery Division. The laboratory may send results by email to Megan.Warfield-Kimball@state.mn.us or via the U.S. Postal Service to Megan Warfield-Kimball, Minnesota Department of Human Services, Purchasing and Service Delivery Division, P.O. Box 64984, St. Paul, MN 55164-0984.
- The laboratory must be ISO 9000 compliant.
- The laboratory cannot be owned in whole or in part by the manufacturer, distributor or supplier, or any of its parent or subsidiary companies.
- DHS will not require use of a specific laboratory, but will maintain a list of laboratories known to perform these tests.
**Performance standards**

To qualify for inclusion on the MHCP Incontinence Products List, each brief and disposable underwear product must meet or exceed three of the four performance standards, AND be within 15 percent of the fourth standard. Liners, guards, pads and shields will be categorized according to their retention capacity, regardless of the manufacturer’s classification or name.

**MHCP Incontinence Products List Performance Standards**

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<th>Product category</th>
<th>Retention capacity grams greater than or equal to</th>
<th>Rate of acquisition seconds less than or equal to</th>
<th>Rewet grams less than or equal to</th>
<th>Breathability CFM greater than or equal to</th>
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<tr>
<td>Adult briefs</td>
<td>400</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>Adult disposable underwear</td>
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<td>35</td>
<td>0.5</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>Liners, guards, pads and shields – for moderate incontinence</td>
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<tr>
<td>Liners, guards, pads and shields – for heavy incontinence</td>
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