The 2019 Minnesota Legislature made changes to Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP). These programs are Medical Assistance (MA), MinnesotaCare and other public health care programs. This notice gives a brief overview of those changes. The changes will not affect everyone who gets this notice. You are getting this notice so you are aware of the changes that may affect you. You do not need to do anything when you get this notice other than read it.

If you have questions about anything in this notice, call one of these:

- Your county or tribal agency, MinnesotaCare worker or Health Care Consumer Support
- The County and Tribal Information Directory is available at [https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-0005-ENG](https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-0005-ENG)
- MinnesotaCare’s phone number is 800-657-3672
- Health Care Consumer Support at 651-431-2670 or 800-657-3739
- Member services at your managed care organization (MCO). The phone number is on the back of your MCO member card
- The Disability Hub MN®, for people with disabilities, at 866-333-2466
- The Senior LinkAge Line®, for people 60 years old or older, at 800-333-2433

For more information about MHCP services, see the DHS Programs and Services page at [https://mn.gov/dhs/health-care-programs/](https://mn.gov/dhs/health-care-programs/).

### Changes to Medical Assistance (MA)

#### Medical Assistance Benefit Recovery, effective July 1, 2019
The Department of Public Safety will share auto-accident information with the Department of Human Services (DHS) to help identify third-parties responsible for medical care.

#### Parental fee reduction, effective July 1, 2019
Parental fees, assessed by DHS for families of children receiving MA who have disabilities and in some out-of-home placement situations, are reduced by 15 percent.

#### Automatic MA for children in foster care, effective January 1, 2020, or upon federal approval (whichever is later)
Provides automatic MA to children who receive state-funded foster care and state-funded kinship assistance.

#### Fee-for-service MA for temporarily absent members, effective July 1, 2019
Members who are temporarily absent from the state for more than 30 days but are still a resident of Minnesota and are otherwise eligible, will have their services covered on a fee-for-service (FFS) basis instead of through managed care organizations.

#### Asset rules for members moving from MA-EPD to MA for people age 65 or older, effective July 1, 2019
Changes the treatment of assets when determining MA eligibility for members who are age 65 or older and who were previously enrolled in Medical Assistance for Employed Persons with Disabilities (MA-EPD). Members may be able to exclude certain assets, designated as an Employment Incentive Asset Account, from the MA eligibility determination if they were continuously enrolled in MA-EPD for 24 consecutive months.

#### MA-ABD excess income standard effective July 1, 2022
The excess income (spenddown) standard for MA for people who are age 65 or older, blind, or have a disability (MA-ABD) increases from 81 percent of federal poverty guidelines (FPG) to 100 percent FPG.
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For accessible formats of this information or assistance with additional equal access to human services, write to DHS.info@state.mn.us, call 800-657-3739, or use your preferred relay service.