New waiver services to support your choice to work!

Today, more than ever, people with disabilities work in community jobs. They work alongside those with and without disabilities, and they make the same amount of money as others doing the same work. If you choose, you can join them. Working in the community provides you with more options, more freedom and more money.

To help you explore, find and keep a job in the community, the state of Minnesota will offer new waiver service options for employment starting in July 2018.

What are the new services?
The state is adding three new employment services to the following Medical Assistance home and community-based services (HCBS) waivers:

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

The new services include:

- **Exploration** services (such as hands-on work experience) can help you learn about different jobs and make your own decisions about working in the community
- **Development** services can help you find the right job or get started with self-employment
- **Support** services (such as job coaching) can help you keep your job in the community.

What happens to my old employment services?
If you choose, you can continue to do center-based work through your day training and habilitation (DT&H) or prevocational services just as you have been, or you can also use the new services to explore, find and keep jobs in the community instead or at the same time.

If you work on a work crew in the community through your DT&H or prevocational services programs, this work will be provided under the new **support** service. This service can be provided individually or in groups up to six to make sure each person gets the support they need.

If you are already use supported employment services (SES) and are looking for competitive employment, this work will be provided under the new **development** and/or **support** services.

What will the new services mean for me?
As you can see from the section above, from your perspective, your current services won't necessarily change. Unless you request a change, your case manager and his/her organization
simply will approve and bill your services differently. Nothing is being taken away. The new employment services will just give you more chances to explore, find and keep the type of work you want!

**When can I use the new services?**
The new employment services will be available for waiver participants starting July 1, 2018. Your current employment-related waiver services will move to the new services during your annual review, unless you request access sooner.

**What are my rights under the new services?**
You have the right to:

- Use employment services
- Say when and how you receive employment services
- Refuse employment services or stop using them (and understand what happens if you do so).

**How can I learn more about the new services?**
Your county or tribal case manager can answer your questions about work and how to use the new employment services. You can also talk with the experts at Disability Hub MN. Visit [www.disabilityhubmn.org](http://www.disabilityhubmn.org) or call 866-333-2466.
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