Periodic Data Matching

The 2015 legislature passed a law that requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to conduct periodic data matching (PDM) to identify Medical Assistance (MA) and MinnesotaCare enrollees in the Minnesota Eligibility Technology System (METS) who may not meet the eligibility criteria for the public health care program in which they are enrolled.

PDM Basics:

- Data matching occurs at least once between an enrollee’s regularly scheduled annual renewals. The case selection process is designed to avoid running PDM during a renewal period.
- Information collected by trusted electronic data sources is used to identify enrollees who may no longer be eligible for the public program they are currently enrolled in.
- PDM uses the same trusted electronic data sources that are used at annual renewal:
  - Social Security Administration (for death and Social Security benefits except Supplemental Security Income)
  - Equifax (for wage information from participating employers)
  - Medicare (for Medicare Part A)
  - Internal Revenue Service (for federal tax information)
- The inaugural PDM start month has not yet been determined. We will communicate the start month as soon as it is determined.

PDM Process:

1) Cases are assigned a month in which the people on those cases will go through the PDM process. Cases are selected based on the assigned months.
2) Information is requested and received from trusted electronic data sources.
3) METS projects eligibility for people on the cases using the information received to determine whether they will remain eligible for the program they are currently enrolled in. If they would be ineligible for their current program, the new information is called a discrepancy.
4) If no discrepancy is found, eligibility continues with no interruption, and a notice does not generate to the enrollee.
5) If a discrepancy is found, a system-generated notice is sent to the enrollee identifying the discrepancy. It instructs the enrollee to resolve the discrepancy within 30 days by:
   (a) Completing an enclosed form and returning it to the servicing agency listed on the form
(b) Contact the servicing agency listed on the form. The discrepancy notice also indicates how to contact a Navigator to assist in resolving discrepancies.

(c) Contact the agency on the form to request an extension to resolve the discrepancy

6) If the enrollee does not respond to the discrepancy notice, eligibility ends systematically for the last day of the PDM month. The enrollee must resolve the discrepancies that are outstanding to gain public program eligibility again.

Training and Resources

The following training and resources are being developed for Navigators and will be published in the upcoming months:

- A PDM online training course
- Talking points
- PDM timeline

Updates will be provided as available in the weekly Navigator Communications and the Monthly Navigator/CAC Webinar.