



2027 Annual Health Plan Selection (AHPS)

- Preparations for Annual Health Plan Selection 2027 are underway
 - Health Plan Changes
 - Notice Changes and Packet contents
 - Mailing timeline
 - Processing timeline and roles of County and Tribal workers and DHS
 - Special Needs BasicCare (SNBC) and Seniors Notices Information

Medica One Health Plan

Effective 10/1/2026 UCare has changed their name to Medica One Health Plan

Effective 1/1/2027 Medica One Health Plan will be accepting new enrollments and reenrollments for:

- Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP) in
 - Anoka, Aitkin, Blue Earth, Carlton, Carver, Cass, Cook, Dakota, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Hennepin, Houston, Isanti, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Le Sueur, Martin, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Mower, Murray, Nicollet, Olmsted, Pine, Rice, Rock, Scott, Todd, Washington, Watonwan, Winona
- MinnesotaCare in
 - Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Scott, Washington
- SNBC in Benton and Stearns

Medica will not be accepting new enrollments in these counties:

- PMAP
 - Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Olmsted, Rice, Scott, Washington
- MinnesotaCare
 - Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Olmsted, Rice, Scott, Washington

Current enrollees can stay in Medica and reenrollments will be allowed.

Medica Changes cont.

Medica will offer Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+) and Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) in the following counties:

- Cook
- Freeborn
- Martin
- Murray
- Rock

County Based Purchasing Plan Changes

Counties with County Based Purchasing Plans will have a single health plan option for SNBC, MSC+, and MSHO.

- Itasca Medical Care in Itasca *Does not offer SNBC
- South Country Health Alliance (SCHA) in Brown, Dodge, Goodhue, Sibley, Steele, Wabasha, Waseca
- PrimeWest in Beltrami, Big Stone, Chippewa, Clearwater, Cottonwood, Douglas, Grant, Hubbard, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, McLeod, Meeker, Nobles, Pipestone, Pope, Redwood, Renville, Stevens, Swift, Traverse, Yellow Medicine

SNBC enrollees in all counties still have the option to go to Fee for Service.

AHPS Notice Changes

- **This is not an eligibility renewal** is now printed at the top of each notice.
- Wording and formatting updates to improve flow and readability.

Enrollee Resources

- If an enrollee has questions about the clinics or primary care providers available
 - They can call their health plan
 - Visit the AHPS website: mn.gov/dhs/health-plan-selection
- If they do not want to make a change, they do not need to do anything.
- DHS AHPS Phone Line
 - Notices for MSC+ non duals, Non-Integrated SNBC, PMAP, and MinnesotaCare direct enrollees to call DHS.
 - DHS Annual Health Plan Selection line will open on a future date that is to be determined.

AHPS Packet Contents

- Multi-Plan or One-Plan notice
- The Department of Human Services (DHS) Summary of Coverage, Cost Sharing and Limits 4858 series:
 - [DHS-4858 Prepaid Medical Assistance \(PMAP\)](#)
 - [DHS-4858A MinnesotaCare](#)
 - [DHS-4858B Special Needs BasicCare \(SNBC\)](#)
 - [DHS-4858C Minnesota Senior Care Plus \(MSC+\) and Minnesota Seniors Health Options \(MSHO\)](#)
- DHS-3470: return envelope as appropriate
- Language Block

AHPS Mailing Timeline

- The mailing timeline has been delayed while contracting continues.
- We will provide more information as soon as it's available.

AHPS Processing Timeline Due Dates

- **December 4, 2026** – AHPS Response due date for MSHO and Integrated SNBC
 - Enrollees who wish to enroll in or change their MSHO or Integrated SNBC should respond by this date to ensure their selection is processed timely.
- **December 7, 2026** – AHPS Response due date for PMAP, MSC+, and Non-Integrated SNBC
 - Enrollees must respond by mail or phone on or before the end of day to ensure their request is processed timely.

AHPS Processing Timeline Cut-off and Capitation

- **December 21, 2026 – Enrollment Cut-off**
 - AHPS requests processed by counties and tribes by the end of the day will have a January 1, 2027, enrollment effective date.
- **December 23, 2026 – First Capitation**
 - AHPS requests processed by DHS by the end of day will have a January 1, 2027, enrollment effective date.

2027 AHPS DHS Roles

- DHS will process AHPS changes sent to DHS for:
 - Prepaid Medical Assistance (PMAP) for METS cases
 - MinnesotaCare (MCRE)
 - Special Needs BasicCare (SNBC)
 - Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) change requests sent by health plans
- AHPS Notices received at DHS for MAXIS PMAP and MSC+ will be inter-office mailed to the appropriate processing entity.

2027 AHPS County and Tribe Roles

- County and tribal staff assist enrollees with AHPS questions and changes as needed for:
 - PMAP cases
 - MSC+ cases
 - SNBC cases
 - Counties and tribes will process enrollments for PMAP MAXIS cases and MSC+ enrollment forms.
 - Counties and tribes can choose whether to take phone-in AHPS changes.

SNBC Notice Information

- SNBC is a voluntary managed care program for people with disabilities. Enrollees have the option to receive their Medical Assistance (MA) Fee For Service (FFS).
 - SNBC Non-Integrated (MA37) – MA services are covered by the health plan. Enrollees who are also eligible for Medicare will have their Medicare services covered by original Medicare or by FFS.
 - SNBC Integrated (MA17) – MA services plus Medicare Parts A,B, and D are covered by the health plan.

- AHPS notices are tailored to the enrollee based on the plan they are currently enrolled in and the plans available to them.
- Specific instructions, deadlines, and contact information are on each notice depending on the program the person is enrolled in.

SNBC Integrated AHPS Notices

- SNBC Integrated Notices
 - Sent to current SNBC Integrated (MA17) enrollees.
 - SNBC Integrated is only offered by PrimeWest and South Country Health Alliance (SCHA) in 2027.
 - Enrollees can call Minnesota Aging Pathways to pick a Part D plan which will change them to FFS.

SNBC Non-Integrated AHPS Notices

- SNBC Non-Integrated Notices
 - Sent to current SNBC Non-Integrated (MA37) enrollees who also have Medicare A and B.
 - Enrollees can change plans or opt out of SNBC and return to FFS by returning their AHPS notice or by completing the [DHS 6451B](#) online.
 - Enrollees in PrimeWest or SCHA service area can switch to an SNBC Integrated plan by calling the plan they wish to enroll in.

SNBC Non-Duals AHPS Notices

- SNBC Non-Duals Notices
 - Sent to current SNBC Non-Integrated (MA37) enrollees who do not have Medicare A and B.
 - Enrollees can change plans or opt out of SNBC and return to FFS by returning their AHPS notice or by completing the [DHS 6451B](#) online.

- If an enrollee has questions about SNBC health plan choices, or if they want to know if SNBC is right for them
 - Counties and tribes should provide choice counseling.
 - Transfers to the Disability Hub MN TM should only occur if someone has questions beyond choice counseling that the county/tribe can provide.

Senior Notice Information

Senior Programs

1. Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+) (MA 30, MA 35, MA 36)
 - Mandatory managed care program enrollment for people 65+
 - MA services are covered by the health plan. Enrollees who are also eligible for Medicare will have their Medicare services covered by original Medicare or by FFS.
2. Minnesota Senior health Options (MSHO) (MA 02)
 - Voluntary managed care program for people 65+ who opt-in.
 - MA services plus Medicare Parts A,B, and D are covered by the health plan.

MSC+ Non-Integrated AHPS Notices

- MSC+ Non-Integrated Notices
 - Sent to current MSC+ (MA30, MA 35, or MA36) enrollees who also have Medicare A and B.
 - Enrollees can change plans by returning their AHPS notice or completing a phone-in change request.
 - Enrollees can switch to MSHO by calling the health plan they wish to enroll in.

MSC+ Non-Duals AHPS Notices

- MSC+ Non-Duals Notices
 - Sent to current MSC+ (MA30, MA35 or MA36) enrollees who do not have Medicare A and B.
 - Enrollees can change plans by returning their AHPS notice or completing a phone-in change request.

- MSHO Notices
 - Sent to current MSHO (MA02) enrollees
 - Enrollees can change to MSC+ by calling their current health plan.
 - Enrollees can change their MSHO plan by calling the plan they wish to enroll in.

AHPS Notices for Seniors

- Specific instructions, deadlines, and contact information are on each notice depending on the program the person is enrolled in.
- Enrollees can call Minnesota Aging Pathways if they have questions about MSHO.
- If they do not want to make a change, they do not need to do anything.

Partner Contact Information

Disability Hub MN™

- Toll free at 866-333-2466 or your preferred relay service
- Online at disabilityhubmn.org
- Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Minnesota Aging Pathways

- Minnesota Aging Pathways at 800-333-2433
- <https://mn.gov/board-on-aging/direct-services/aging-pathways/>
- Office hours are Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thank You!

DHS Managed Care Enrollment Team