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## DHS Announces Minnesota Health Care Programs Post-Unwinding Eligibility Policies

- Minnesota's unwinding period ends effective June 1, 2024.
- MHCP enrollees who had been protected under COVID-19 continuous coverage policies have had an eligibility renewal conducted during the unwinding period.
- Standard eligibility policies and procedures apply to all enrollees, including those related to enrollees reporting, and agencies acting on, changes in circumstances.
- Certain MHCP enrollees have an asset disregard until their second annual renewal is conducted after March 31, 2023. See Bulletin #23- 21-19 for more information about the temporary asset disregard.

# Periodic Data Matching (PDM) Resumes in July 2024

- PDM is a process that checks electronic data sources for discrepant information in between annual renewals, to identify people who may no longer qualify for MA or MinnesotaCare.
- Enrollees who receive a PDM discrepancy notice must respond by contacting their servicing agency to resolve the discrepancy within 30 days.
- An enrollee who does not respond is no longer eligible for MA or MinnesotaCare, and coverage is closed with 10-day advance notice.

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- DHS suspended PDM April 1, 2020, due to COVID-19 continuous coverage policies.
- In 2023, MN legislature passed a law that requires DHS to restart PDM 12 months after the resumption of eligibility renewals, which occurred in July 2023.
- DHS will restart PDM in July 2024 for enrollees with the PDM month of September 2024.
- METS has been programmed to recognize exceptions for MA for children under age 19 who are continuously MA eligible between annual eligibility renewals.

# Continuation of Temporary Strategies thru June 2025

- Processing agencies will continue to:
  - Accept telephonic signatures without voice recording
  - Accept updated address and contact information from Managed Care Organizations
  - Accept updated Minnesota address information from U.S. postal service return mail
- DHS will continue to automatically renew MA and MinnesotaCare enrollees using simplification strategies approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

# Thank you!

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