



## MHCP Eligibility Summer 2025 Preview

Navigator/Certified Application Counselor Statewide Webinar

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# Preview Conditions

This presentation reflects our current plan and is subject to change based on the timing of IT project delivery and federal approval. Estimated Time of Arrival (ETAs) are estimates.

We will share finite dates and details as soon as we can.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

# Eliminate Past Due Premium Payments to Resume MinnesotaCare Coverage

- Compliance with a final federal regulation is required by June 2025.
- Currently, a MinnesotaCare enrollee whose coverage is closed for failing to pay the premiums must pay both the grace month and the future month premium to have coverage reopened. After 3 months, the grace month premium is forgiven and only the future month premium is required to restart coverage.
- Beginning in June 2025, MinnesotaCare enrollees who have coverage closed for failure to pay a premium will no longer be required to pay the past grace month premium to regain coverage. Only the future month premium will be required to restart coverage.

**\*\*Update: Bulletin #25-21-04 published May 15, 2025.**

# Finalize Policies to Accept Address Updates from U.S.P.S. Return Mail and Contact Information Updates from MCOs

- Temporary federal waivers to permit accepting address updates from the U.S. Postal Service return mail and contact information from Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) were set to expire in June 2025.
- These strategies were made permanent and mandated in a final federal rule.
- Bulletin ETA May/June 2025.

# MHCP Telephone Application & Renewal Signatures

- The temporary federal waiver to forgo voice recording of signature expires June 30, 2025.
- Telephone signature requirements apply to MHCP applications, renewals, & supplements that are completed over the phone.
- Bulletin ETA June 2025.

# Ex Parte Renewal Strategies

- Some temporary federal waiver strategies implemented during the unwinding are ending June 30, 2025, while others will continue ongoing.
- Non-MAGI Ex parte Renewals
  - Ongoing use of SNAP/MFIP data to ex parte renew enrollees.
  - Ongoing use of \$0 and 100% strategies with a limit of three consecutive renewals.
- MAGI Ex Parte Renewals
  - Discontinue use of SNAP/MFIP data to auto renew enrollees.
  - Ongoing use of \$0 and 100% strategies with a limit of three consecutive renewals.
- Bulletin ETA June 2025



# MinnesotaCare Restore Pre-COVID PHE Premium Scale

- Since January 2021 MinnesotaCare premiums have been based on a reduced scale. Most enrollees do not have a monthly premium.
- The reduced premium scale expires at the end of 2025. This means that MinnesotaCare premiums will go back to the standard scale for January 2026 coverage.
- January 2026 coverage is billed in November and December, as MinnesotaCare renewals occur. People whose MinnesotaCare eligibility is auto renewed get their bill for January in November. Other enrollees get their premium bill after their renewal form is processed.
- Enrollees need to know about the change ahead of time.
- IT and communications work underway. Bulletin ETA September 2025



# Minnesota Paid Leave (MPL) as Income

- New wage replacement benefit will be available via MN Department of Employment & Economic Development (DEED) beginning January 2026.
- MPL will be counted as income for MHCP.
- Special rules for people enrolled in MA for Employed Persons with Disabilities who start receiving MPL.
- IT projects in progress. Bulletin ETA November/December 2025.

# MA Services for Certain Incarcerated Youth

- Section 5121 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) of 2023 requires states provide certain Medicaid and CHIP services for young people reentering the community from incarceration.
- Medicaid agencies must provide certain screening, diagnostic, and targeted case management (TCM) services for “eligible juveniles” in the 30 days prior to release and TCM services for at least 30 days after release from incarceration.
- May be coupled with changes to support the Federal 1115 Reentry Waiver for incarcerated adults.



## Questions?

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