



SSIS Update



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Services to a young person will continue past age 18

Must placements remain open in SSIS when youth in the care of the social services agency elect to remain in foster care or receive services past age 18?

Agencies may elect to retain the placement in SSIS for youth over age 18, and the placement must remain open for youth receiving IV-E reimbursement until that youth graduates from high school. Agencies may elect to discharge the placement in SSIS once the youth attains age 18 or graduates from high school. Services to that youth, including foster care, may continue in CW, CMH, or ALS workgroups.

Even though youth are over 18, they cannot sign a voluntary placement agreement. Per 260C.451, youth over 18 in foster care are not legally adults. Agency staff may continue jurisdiction under court order until the youth is 19 (when the case is already in court) or the voluntary placement agreement signed by the parent(s) may cover the placement over age 18.

If services to a young person will continue in a CMH workgroup, social workers must identify the service code for activity as Adult Mental Health so AMH-TCM is claimed instead of CMH-TCM when appropriate.

When agencies elect to discontinue use of the OHPP, the general social services plan may be used. It is important to consult DHS Bulletin #09-68-01, "Adolescent Services Provides Guidance on Transition Planning and Requirements for Older Youth in Care." The independent living plan requirements for adolescents continue past age 18 and should be part of the written plan created with the youth.

CountyLink Updates

- ◆ IV-E Abstract Reporting handout
- ◆ SSIS Tools for MSHO-TPL billing
- ◆ Joint Mentor Meeting minutes, 5/19/09
- ◆ MPAC meeting minutes, 5/26/09
- ◆ HINT: Request Workgroup Access from SWNDX
- ◆ Staff Assignment spec
- ◆ Implementation Memo #92: NWT Schedule

PSOP ineligible for CW-TCM

2009 grants distributed to the 30 Minnesota counties implementing the Parent Support Outreach Program (PSOP) come from federal sources or are funds already designated as a state match for federal funds. Counties cannot use these federal dollars or state money already committed as a federal match to leverage additional federal money from CW-TCM.

Currently, the PSOP plan is available on the CW-TCM screen as a possible plan under which an agency might be providing services to a CW-TCM eligible child. Do not use the PSOP plan for CW-TCM services and do not choose the PSOP plan on the CW-TCM screen. Since CW-TCM claiming in these cases could be viewed as "double-dipping," SSIS and Child Safety and Permanency policy staff remind agency staff that PSOP services are ineligible for CW-TCM.

As soon as is possible, the PSOP plan will be removed from the list of valid plan types in the *Service plan type* field on the CW-TCM Eligibility screen in SSIS.

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