GAMC Reform and Coordinated Care Delivery Systems

Community Partner Forum
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Law Signed on March 26 and Amended May 17

- April 1 through May 31
  - Continues current General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC)

- Effective June 1
  - Provides coordinated care delivery systems (CCDSs)
  - Creates temporary uncompensated care pool (UCP)
  - Establishes prescription drug pool
GAMC Eligibility and Service Delivery
April 1 through May 31

- Current GAMC coverage temporarily extended for April and May
- All GAMC coverage fee-for-service
- No automatic conversion to Transitional MinnesotaCare
- Transitional MinnesotaCare eliminated for applications received on or after April 1

For more information, see:
- Bulletin #10-21-06, 2010 Legislative Changes to GAMC
- MHCP Provider Update MHP-10-02R
GAMC Eligibility
Effective June 1

- Eligibility begins on date of application or date all eligibility factors are met (whichever is later)
- During six-month budget period
  - Cannot move to MinnesotaCare if still GAMC-eligible
- At the end of the six-month budget period
  - Can move to MinnesotaCare whether eligible for GAMC or not
  - Retroactive MinnesotaCare may be available

Note: For a comparison of GAMC and MinnesotaCare, see DHS-6152, Your health care program coverage choices
Notice Changes for June 1

New notice text for approvals and renewals

“People enrolled in GAMC cannot change to MinnesotaCare until the end of their budget period, unless they are no longer eligible for GAMC.”
GAMC Service Delivery
Effective June 1

- Chemical dependency services
  - Continue through Consolidated Chemical Dependency Treatment Fund (CCDTF)

- Prescription drugs dispensed through a pharmacy
  - Fee-for-service (FFS)
  - Administered by DHS
  - Funded through prescription drug pool

- Other services
  - Coordinated care delivery system (CCDS), or
  - Hospital receiving uncompensated care pool (UCP) funds
Coordinated Care Delivery System (CCDS)

- Can be one hospital or a group of hospitals
- Will manage health care of enrollees
- Responsible for providing and coordinating medically necessary services
  - Available services may differ by CCDS
  - CCDSs are required to pay for emergency services for their enrollees at other facilities
- Responsible for 20% of prescription drug costs
CCDS Participation

- 17 MN hospitals initially eligible to be a CCDS
  - Four metro area hospitals contracted with DHS to be CCDSs effective June 1
    - Hennepin County Medical Center
    - Fairview University Medical Center
    - North Memorial Medical Center
    - Regions Hospital
  - See DHS-6150, Coordinated Care Delivery Systems, for information about each CCDS

- All MN hospitals are eligible starting December 1
CCDS Enrollment

- County agencies
  - Advise GAMC clients about CCDS choices
  - Provide enrollment form (DHS-6151)
  - Fax completed forms to DHS for entry

- Coordinated Care Delivery Systems
  - May enroll only clients who have chosen their CCDS

- Other hospitals or entities
  - Refer client to county agency or CCDS
Uncompensated Care Pool (UCP)

- For hospitals not designated as CCDSs who serve non-CCDS enrollees
- Covers only inpatient and outpatient hospital services
- Pool amended by 50% in final bill
  - Six-month period amended to nine-month period: 06/01/10-02/28/11
  - $20 million from Health Care Access Fund amended to $30 million
Prescription drug pool

- GAMC fee-for-service formulary
- Drugs dispensed through a pharmacy
- Administered by DHS
- CCDSs will match 20% of payments for prescription drugs for their enrollees
- Capped funding
Health care resource information on the DHS Website

- Consolidated Chemical Dependency Treatment Fund (CCDTF) referral numbers
  - https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserv/lfserver/Public/DHS-5685-ENG

- Mental health services information
  - http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/MHServices

- DHS-4741, Primary Care Resources
  - https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserv/Legacy/DHS-4741-ENG
Implementation activities

- Client education and selection tools
- CCDS contracts
- System changes
- Bulletins
- Ongoing communication with partners
What you can do to help

- Client education and assistance
- Refer to county or CCDS when appropriate

Watch for potential Medical Assistance eligibility
  - Must have basis of eligibility, such as:
    • Under age 21
    • Parent of dependent child
    • Pregnant
    • Have disability certified by Social Security Administration (SSA) or State Medical Review Team (SMRT)
Questions?
See the DHS Web site

- Current GAMC information
  [www.dhs.state.mn.us/GAMC](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/GAMC)

- Includes links to enrollee notices, provider updates, bulletins, FAQs, and an email address for general questions

- Will be updated as further information is available