

AASD, DSD and CFSS Implementation Council eList announcement

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To: People who use personal care assistance (PCA) or Consumer Support Grant (CSG), families, lead agency staff, service providers and other interested parties

From: DHS Community First Services and Supports (CFSS) policy team

Purpose: To provide an update on the CFSS implementation timeline

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Update on CFSS implementation timeline

On Nov. 30, 2023, DHS submitted revised state plan amendments on CFSS to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

CMS must approve DHS' plan before we can implement CFSS, a flexible health care program that will replace PCA and CSG in Minnesota.

Federal approval process

CMS has 90 days to review the plan, request changes and approve the plan. CMS may ask questions during the 90-day review period. If CMS asks DHS to respond to formal questions, it resets the review period. Once DHS submits formal answers, CMS has another 90 days to review the plan, including DHS' answers.

Previously completed steps in federal approval process

The following is an overview of previously completed steps:

- March 18, 2022: DHS submitted 1915(i) and 1915(k) amendments to CMS.
- June 15, 2022: CMS asked DHS to respond to formal questions and reset the 90-day review period.
- July 29, 2022: DHS resubmitted the amendments with responses to CMS.
- Sept. 6, 2022: CMS sent additional informal questions about the 1915(i) amendment to DHS.
- Sept. 16, 2022: CMS sent additional informal questions about the 1915(k) amendment to DHS.
- October 2022: DHS began holding weekly meetings with CMS to work toward resubmitting a plan.
- Nov. 30, 2023: DHS submitted revised state plan amendments.

Timeline for CFSS launch date

DHS cannot provide a specific launch date for CFSS until CMS approves our submission. We will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available. DHS will announce a CFSS launch date at least 90 days before that point.

Additional information

For more information, refer to [DHS – CFSS](#) and [PCA Manual – Transition from PCA and CSG to CFSS](#).

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