

## Excluded Provider Lists

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The federal Health and Human Services–Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG) has the authority to exclude individuals and entities from participation in Medicare, Medicaid and other federal health care programs. Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) also excludes individuals and entities from participation in MHCP if they are on either the federal or state excluded provider list.

Follow these links to access the lists:

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### Federal Exclusions List

The HHS-OIG provides information about individuals and entities who are currently excluded from participation in Medicare, Medicaid and all other federal health care programs. The OIG publishes a List of Excluded Individuals/Entities (LEIE) and may impose civil monetary penalties against providers who employ or enter into contracts with excluded individuals or entities to provide services or items to MHCP members.

Providers who choose to enroll with MHCP must check all owners, managing employees, board members, employees or anyone else who works for the provider in any capacity against the OIG [LEIE Downloadable Database](#) or the [LEIE Online Searchable Database](#). The exclusions database provides information about individuals and entities currently excluded. For more information about the LEIE database, review the [FAQ](#).

When an individual or entity is excluded, no payment will be made by any federal health care program for any items or services furnished, ordered or prescribed by the excluded individual or entity. This payment withholding applies to the excluded person and anyone who employs or contracts with the excluded person. The exclusion applies regardless of who submits the claims and applies to all administrative and management services furnished by the excluded person.

### Minnesota Excluded Providers

MHCP maintains and publishes lists of all individual or group providers suspended or terminated from receiving payment from Medicaid funds who MHCP has excluded. These lists are in addition to the federal exclusions list.

Besides checking the LEIE, you should also check the Minnesota excluded provider lists when you employ or enter into contracts with individuals or entities to provide services or items to MHCP members to ensure you allow only those who are qualified provide services and receive reimbursement. Anyone who is on the list is excluded from employment with an entity to provide services to members for whom you will submit claims to MHCP for reimbursement to. MHCP will deny claims for services or items rendered, ordered, referred or prescribed by excluded providers.

Owner information is not included on the individual provider list unless the owner is also enrolled as an individual provider of services.

For individual providers, the list shows the following:

- Provider type description
- Last name, first name, middle name
- Effective date of exclusion
- Address line 1 (This is the last known practice, organization or provider where the person was working)
- Address line 2
- City
- State
- ZIP code

For group or organization providers, the list shows:

- Provider type description
- Agency name
- Effective date of exclusion
- Address line 1
- Address line 2
- City
- State
- ZIP code

MHCP updates excluded provider lists monthly.

### **Checking the exclusion lists**

As enrolling or enrolled MHCP providers, you must make sure you, your company, owners, managers, employees and contractors are not on an excluded provider list. Search the LEIE and the Minnesota excluded group and individual providers lists by the individual's or entity's name:

- Before hiring or entering into contracts with individuals or entities to provide services or items to MHCP members.
- Ongoing (at least monthly) to check for changes since your last search.

Keep verifications for your own records of anyone on an exclusion list.

### **Verifying information**

To verify information that may not be clear on the list, such as a person with a similar name, or a person with the same name but the list shows as a different provider type, call the MHCP Provider Call Center at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411. The call center representative will request identifying data, including but not limited to the tax ID number (EIN or FEIN), Social Security number (SSN) or date of birth. MHCP uses this information to confirm whether the person you are calling about matches the person displayed on the excluded providers list. The call center representative will only verify whether the information you provide matches the identifying information.

### **Reporting**

Report any new exclusions you find in your search to MHCP Provider Enrollment. Fax information, including a cover sheet, to 651-431-7462. MHCP will also verify the entity and individuals listed against the LEIE on an ongoing basis to identify and remove anyone added to the federal list of exclusions.

**Placement on an exclusion list**

Providers named on the excluded providers list have been terminated due to fraud, theft, abuse, error or noncompliance in connection with a Minnesota health care program. Providers are notified that they are being terminated before they are named on the published list. They are not eligible for payment from MHCP effective the date of the notification. Excluded providers are not prohibited from providing services for private-pay clients.

**MHCP recovery of funds paid to excluded providers**

MHCP will not pay for services that providers or individual staff members provide to MHCP recipients after they have been terminated. If MHCP has already paid for services and then finds that a provider on an exclusion list performed the service, we may recover all funds paid.

**Removal from lists**

An individual provider or entity must submit a written request to the DHS Program Integrity Oversight Division to be removed from the state exclusion list. The request must include their full name, date of birth, current address and contact information. The written request can be sent to [oig.investigations.dhs@state.mn.us](mailto:oig.investigations.dhs@state.mn.us) or mailed to PO BOX 64982, St. Paul, MN 55164, ATTN: Exclusions.