

## Updates to the CDCS Policy Manual

DHS will document new pages and page updates here.

Date	Section	Page	Action
12/2/25	Budgets	<a href="#">Cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) for CDCS budgets – BI, CAC, CADI and DD</a>	Added the COLA for Jan. 1, 2026
12/1/25	Budgets	<a href="#">CDCS partial-year budgets for disability waivers</a>	Comprehensively reviewed and made the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated the title from “prorating budgets for disability waivers”</li> <li>Clarified information throughout the page</li> </ul>
12/1/25	Budgets	<a href="#">CDCS partial-year budgets for Alternative Care (AC) and Elderly Waiver (EW)</a>	Comprehensively reviewed and made the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated the title from “prorating budgets for AC and EW”</li> <li>Clarified information throughout the page</li> </ul>
10/9/25	Unbundled service categories	<a href="#">CDCS unbundled service category: Personal assistance</a>	Clarified information in the definitions and non-covered services sections
10/6/25	Unbundled service categories	<a href="#">Paying a spouse or parent of a minor for personal assistance (unbundled)</a>	Clarified the information in the other criteria section
9/19/25	Service categories	<a href="#">Shared services</a>	Added a link to <a href="#">CDCS Manual – CDCS unbundled service category: Personal assistance</a> in the covered services section
6/12/25	Unbundled service categories	<a href="#">FMS providers (unbundled)</a>	Clarified information in the overview about requirements for using the same FMS provider in certain situations
6/12/25	Service categories (pre-unbundling)	<a href="#">FMS providers (pre-unbundling)</a>	Clarified information in the overview about requirements for using the same FMS provider in certain situations
6/12/25	Unbundled service categories	<a href="#">Purchasing traditional waiver/AC goods and services under CDCS (unbundled)</a>	Made the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added an applicability section</li> <li>Clarified information about PCA/CFSS and home care services under AC</li> </ul>
6/12/25	Allowable and unallowable goods and services	<a href="#">Purchasing traditional waiver/AC goods and services under CDCS (pre-unbundling)</a>	Made the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added an applicability section</li> <li>Clarified information about PCA/CFSS and home care services under AC</li> </ul>
6/11/25	Budgets	<a href="#">Resource: CDCS budget impacts when purchasing PCA/CFSS, home care and extended waiver services</a>	Posted new page that is a quick reference guide for lead agencies to understand PCA/CFSS, home care and extended waiver service costs that come out of the person’s CDCS budget
6/11/25	Allowable and unallowable goods and services	<a href="#">Purchasing PCA/CFSS and home care services under CDCS</a>	Comprehensively reviewed and made the following changes:

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated the title to include "PCA/CFSS"</li> <li>Clarified information throughout the page and added links to relevant resources</li> </ul>
4/14/25	Unbundled service categories	<a href="#">Individual-directed goods and services</a>	<p>Made the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added the <a href="#">federally approved AC 1115 demonstration</a> to the legal authority</li> <li>Clarified the requirements in the criteria for covered goods and services section</li> </ul>
2/27/25	Unbundled service categories	<a href="#">Financial management services (FMS) providers (unbundled)</a>	Added a link to <a href="#">MHCP Provider Manual – FMS</a> in the additional resources section
2/27/25	Service categories (pre-unbundling)	<a href="#">Financial management services (FMS) providers (pre-unbundling)</a>	Added a link to <a href="#">MHCP Provider Manual – FMS</a> in the additional resources section
12/31/24	Unbundled service categories	<a href="#">Paying a spouse or parent of a minor for personal assistance (unbundled)</a>	Updated information in the criteria section about payment rates for workers who are the spouse or parent of a minor of a person with a CDCS enhanced budget
12/31/24	Service categories (pre-unbundling)	<a href="#">Paying a spouse or parent of a minor for personal assistance (pre-unbundling)</a>	Updated information in the criteria section about payment rates for workers who are the spouse or parent of a minor of a person with a CDCS enhanced budget
12/31/24	Allowable/unallowable goods and services	<a href="#">Allowable and unallowable goods and services under CDCS</a>	<p>Made the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added information in the allowable expenditures section about additional goods and services that support community integration and inclusion</li> <li>Clarified that purchasing internet access is unallowable in some situations</li> </ul>
12/31/24	Allowable/unallowable goods and services	<a href="#">Purchasing internet access under CDCS</a>	Added information about the unbundling project in the eligibility and criteria section
12/30/24	Budgets	<a href="#">Cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) for CDCS budgets – BI, CAC, CADI and DD</a>	Added the COLA for Jan. 1, 2024, and Jan. 1, 2025
12/30/24	Service categories (pre-unbundling)	<a href="#">CDCS service category: Personal assistance (pre-unbundling)</a>	Added new information about wage rates in the provider qualifications section
12/23/24	Process and procedure	<a href="#">CDCS process and procedure</a>	<p>Comprehensively reviewed and made the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarified information throughout the page</li> <li>Added a link to the updated training, <a href="#">CDCS: Is it right for you?</a></li> <li>Added a section about plan review and approval that clarifies lead</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>agencies must follow DHS policies and cannot create or implement policies that are in addition to or inconsistent with DHS policies</li> </ul>
12/23/24	Budgets	<a href="#">Budgets overview</a>	<p>Comprehensively reviewed and made the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarified information throughout the page</li> <li>Added a new section about communicating CDCS budget information</li> <li>Added 2025 legislative budget changes</li> </ul>
12/23/24	Budgets	<a href="#">Resource: Communicating CDCS budget information for people using waivers and AC</a>	Posted new page with legal requirements for budget procedures and instructions for each program
12/10/24	Unbundled service categories	All pages under <a href="#">CDCS unbundled service categories</a>	<p>Posted new pages with unbundled service policy</p> <p>For more information, refer to the <a href="#">Dec. 10, 2024, eList announcement</a>.</p>
12/10/24	Service categories	All pages under <a href="#">CDCS service categories (pre-unbundling)</a>	<p>Added transition information for the unbundling project</p> <p>For more information, refer to the <a href="#">Dec. 10, 2024, eList announcement</a>.</p>
12/10/24	Allowable/unallowable goods and services	<a href="#">Allowable and unallowable goods and services under CDCS</a>	<p>Comprehensively reviewed and made the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarified information throughout the page</li> <li>Added information about unbundled service categories</li> </ul> <p>For more information, refer to the <a href="#">Dec. 10, 2024, eList announcement</a>.</p>
12/10/24	Resources	<a href="#">CDCS resources</a>	Updated information about trainings
1/30/24	Service categories	<a href="#">Paying a spouse or parent of a minor for personal assistance</a>	<p>Changed policy to increase the number of hours per week a spouse or parent of a minor can be paid</p> <p>For more information, refer to the <a href="#">Jan. 30, 2024, eList announcement</a>.</p>
1/5/24	Budgets	<a href="#">Budgets overview</a>	Added information about legislative budget changes effective Jan. 1, 2024
12/29/23	Budgets	<a href="#">Prorating budgets for AC and EW</a>	<p>Made the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated information about temporary service changes</li> <li>Added a section about temporary waiver exits</li> </ul>
12/29/23	Budgets	<a href="#">Prorating budgets for disability waivers</a>	<p>Made the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated information about temporary service changes</li> <li>Added a section about temporary waiver exits</li> </ul>

3/20/23	Service categories	<a href="#">Financial management services (FMS)</a>	Comprehensively reviewed and clarified language
1/3/23	Budgets	<a href="#">Budgets overview</a>	Added information about the budget increase for AC and EW, effective Jan. 1, 2023
8/30/22	Eligibility	<a href="#">Eligibility for CDCS</a>	Comprehensive review; updated information about the limitation when a person receives certain other services
7/12/22	Budgets	<a href="#">Cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) for CDCS budgets – BI, CAC, CADI and DD</a>	Added the COLA for July 1, 2022
7/7/22	Budgets	<a href="#">CDCS enhanced budget process</a>	Updated information in the background section about eligibility for the enhanced budget
6/27/22	Budgets	<a href="#">Exception to CDCS budget methodology for BI, CAC, CADI and DD waivers</a>	Comprehensive review; clarified information throughout the page
6/24/22	Budgets	<a href="#">Budgets overview</a>	Added information about the budget increases for AC, BI, CAC, CADI, DD and EW, effective July 1, 2022
4/15/22	Budgets	<a href="#">CDCS enhanced budget process</a>	Clarified information in the background section
4/13/22	Budgets	<a href="#">Budgets overview</a>	Updated information about establishing CDCS budgets for AC and EW
1/20/22	Budgets	<a href="#">Variables used in the CDCS budget methodology for the DD Waiver</a>	Updated ICD codes for developmental disabilities and related conditions
1/10/22	Budgets	<a href="#">Variables used in the CDCS budget methodology for the DD Waiver</a>	Comprehensive review with the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated ICD codes for psychosis, cerebral palsy and epilepsy</li> <li>• Clarified content throughout the page</li> </ul>
12/21/21	Budgets	<a href="#">CDCS enhanced budget process</a>	Made the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced eligibility for the enhanced budget from 12 hours per day of PCA to 10 hours per day, effective Jan. 1, 2022</li> <li>• Added instructions to complete DHS-6633B</li> <li>• Updated instructions for reassessments</li> </ul>
12/20/21	Budgets	<a href="#">Budgets overview</a>	Added information about the budget increase for AC and EW, effective Jan. 1, 2022
11/22/21	Service categories	<a href="#">Background studies for direct-contact CDCS services</a>	Fixed broken link in additional resources
10/4/21	Budgets	<a href="#">Cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) for CDCS budgets – BI, CAC, CADI and DD</a>	Updated with legislative budget changes For more information, see the <a href="#">Oct. 4, 2021, eList announcement</a>

10/4/21	Budgets	<a href="#">Budgets overview</a>	Updated with legislative budget changes For more information, see the <a href="#">Oct. 4, 2021, eList announcement</a>
9/22/21	Budgets	<a href="#">Prorating budgets for AC and EW</a>	Comprehensive review with the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarified information in the overview section</li> <li>• Clarified information about monthly maximums</li> <li>• Added new sections about temporary service changes and waiver closures</li> </ul>
9/22/21	Budgets	<a href="#">Prorating budgets for disability waivers</a>	Comprehensive review with the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarified information in the overview section</li> <li>• Clarified information about temporary service changes</li> <li>• Added a new section about changes to county of financial responsibility (CFR)</li> </ul>
11/30/20	Budgets	<a href="#">Budgets overview</a>	Comprehensive review with the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Separated information about legislative budget changes into separate sections for BI/CAC/CADI/DD and EW/AC</li> <li>• Added more specific information about legislative budget changes for EW/AC</li> <li>• Updated language throughout the page to be consistent with other manual pages</li> </ul>
7/27/20	Budgets	<a href="#">Budgets overview</a>	Clarification about EW and AC legislative budget changes for case mixes A and L
6/9/20	Budgets	<a href="#">Budgets overview</a>	For information about this update, see the <a href="#">June 9, 2020, eList announcement</a> .
5/13/20	Service categories	<a href="#">Shared services</a>	Added policy for EW and AC For more information, see the <a href="#">May 13, 2020, eList announcement</a> .
5/13/20	Eligibility	<a href="#">Eligibility for CDCS</a>	Revised policy for EW and AC to allow people who had previously been placed in the Minnesota Restricted Recipient Program (MRRP) to use the CDCS option once they are no longer in the MRRP For more information, see the <a href="#">May 13, 2020, eList announcement</a> .
5/13/20	Budgets	<a href="#">CDCS enhanced budget process</a>	Increased the enhanced budget from 5% to 7.5% For more information, see the <a href="#">May 13, 2020, eList announcement</a> .

5/13/20	Service categories	<a href="#">Financial management services (FMS) providers</a>	<p>Added the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When more than one person who uses CDCS lives in the same household and chooses to receive services from the same worker (either shared services or 1:1 service), all people must use the same FMS provider</li> <li>• When there is a joint employer, all people associated with that joint employer must use the same FMS provider.</li> </ul> <p>For more information, see the <a href="#">May 13, 2020, eList announcement</a>.</p>
4/3/20	Service categories	<a href="#">Paying a spouse or parent of a minor for personal assistance</a>	Clarified information in the financial considerations section
2/3/20	Service categories	<a href="#">Shared services</a>	<p>New page to provide information about how people can share services in CDCS</p> <p>For more information, see the <a href="#">Feb. 3, 2020, eList announcement</a></p>
2/3/20	Eligibility	<a href="#">Eligibility for CDCS</a>	<p>Revised policy for BI, CAC, CADI and DD to allow people who had previously been placed in the Minnesota Restricted Recipient Program (MRRP) to use the CDCS option once they are no longer in the MRRP</p> <p>For more information, see the <a href="#">Feb. 3, 2020, eList announcement</a></p>
2/3/20	Service categories	<a href="#">Paying a spouse or parent of a minor for personal assistance</a>	<p>Revised policy to allow parents to be paid providers for their own child when they are also being paid to provide care to unrelated children in a preadoptive setting</p> <p>For more information, see the <a href="#">Feb. 3, 2020, eList announcement</a></p>
11/13/19	Service categories	<a href="#">Self-direction support activities</a>	For information about this update, see the <a href="#">Nov. 13, 2019, eList announcement</a>
11/5/19	Budgets	<a href="#">Budgets overview</a>	Updated legislative budget section to reflect EW/AC changes effective Jan. 1, 2020
9/25/19	Budgets	<a href="#">Budgets overview</a>	Added link to new page that explains the process for Elderly Waiver (EW) conversion rates; for more information, see <a href="#">CBSM – EW conversion rates</a>
7/22/19	Budgets	<a href="#">Budgets overview</a>	Updated legislative budget section to reflect changes effective July 1, 2019
7/16/19	Service categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">CDCS support planning services</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">CDCS support planners</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">CDCS support</a></li> </ul>	New pages with information about CDCS support planning services, a subsection of self-direction support activities

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">planner service standards</a></li> </ul>	
7/15/19	Budgets	<a href="#">Cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) for CDCS budgets</a>	Added most recent COLAs
7/11/19	Budgets	<a href="#">CDCS budget methodology exception for BI, CAC, CADI and DD waivers</a>	Comprehensive review with the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added additional requirement sets in the eligibility section</li> <li>Updated instructions in the lead agency responsibility section</li> <li>Added a new section about people who currently have a budget exception.</li> </ul>
7/5/19	Budgets	<a href="#">CDCS enhanced budget process</a>	Added statement about DHS' request for federal approval to increase the enhanced budget percentage For more information, see the <a href="#">July 5, 2019, eList announcement</a>
6/14/19	Budgets	<a href="#">CDCS enhanced budget process</a>	Corrected information about home care ratings in the reassessments and future initial assessments section
5/22/19	Service categories	<a href="#">Guidelines for special diets</a>	Comprehensive review; moved content from <a href="#">CDCS Lead Agency Operations Manual, DHS-4270 (PDF)</a>
4/12/19	Budgets	<a href="#">CDCS enhanced budget process</a>	Updated background section For more information, see the <a href="#">April 12, 2019, eList</a>
4/11/19	Service categories	<a href="#">Personal assistance</a>	Clarified how to determine hourly rates; no policy change
4/9/19	Service categories	<a href="#">Environmental modifications and provisions</a>	Comprehensive review; moved content from <a href="#">CDCS Lead Agency Operations Manual, DHS-4270 (PDF)</a>
2/7/19	Budgets	<a href="#">CDCS enhanced budget process</a>	New page For more information, see the <a href="#">Feb. 7, 2019, eList announcement</a>
10/15/18	Service categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Financial management services (FMS)</a></li> <li><a href="#">FMS providers</a></li> <li><a href="#">FMS documentation and reporting</a></li> <li><a href="#">FMS reports to lead agencies and people/families</a></li> </ul>	New pages with information about financial management services (FMS) For information about the transition from FSEs to FMS providers, see <a href="#">CBSM – Change of fiscal services for people who participate in CDCS and CSG</a> .
10/15/18	Service categories	<a href="#">Self-direction support activities</a>	Comprehensive review; moved content from CBSM to CDCS Policy Manual
9/6/18	Budgets	<a href="#">Budgets overview</a>	Updated legislative budget section to reflect 2018 fiscal year changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disability waivers (BI, CAC, CADI, DD) currently do not have a legislative adjustment to CDCS</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• budgets</li> <li>• Elderly Waiver (EW) and Alternative Care (AC) have a 0.03 percent increase to monthly budget caps (effective July 1, 2018)</li> <li>• Instructions to use the updated <a href="#">Community Support Plan Addendum for EW/AC, DHS-6633A (PDF)</a>.</li> </ul>
7/18/18	Process and procedure	<a href="#">CDCS process and procedure</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added information about learning module</li> <li>• Minor content revisions to "initial responsibilities of the person" section (no policy change)</li> </ul>
7/18/18	Resources	<a href="#">CDCS resources</a>	New page For more information, see the <a href="#">July 18, 2018, eList announcement</a> .
3/9/18	Budgets	<a href="#">CDCS budget methodology exception for BI, CAC, CADI and DD waivers</a>	Correction about budget methodology exception process For more information, see the <a href="#">March 9, 2018, eList announcement</a> .
12/26/17	Budgets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Budgets overview</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Prorating budgets for disability waivers</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Prorating budgets for EW/AC</a></li> </ul>	New section on CDCS budgets with new pages
12/26/17	Budgets	<a href="#">CDCS budget methodology exception for BI, CAC, CADI and DD waivers</a>	Comprehensive review; change to the process to implement the budget exception For more information, see the <a href="#">Dec. 29, 2017, eList announcement</a> .
12/26/17	Service categories	<a href="#">Paying a spouse/parent of a minor for personal assistance</a>	Includes stepparent under the definition of "parent" For more information, see the <a href="#">Dec. 29, 2017, eList announcement</a>
6/14/17	Budgets	<a href="#">Variables used in the CDCS budget methodology for the DD Waiver</a>	Comprehensive review; no policy change
6/14/17	Budgets	<a href="#">CDCS budget methodology for the DD Waiver</a>	Comprehensive review; no policy change
6/14/17	Budgets	<a href="#">Variables used in CDCS budget methodology for the BI, CAC and CADI waivers</a>	Comprehensive review; no policy change
6/14/17	Budgets	<a href="#">CDCS budget methodology for the BI, CAC and CADI waivers</a>	Comprehensive review; no policy change
6/14/17	Budgets	<a href="#">Cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) for CDCS budgets</a>	Comprehensive review; no policy change
6/5/17	Service categories	<a href="#">Personal assistance</a>	Comprehensive review; no policy change
6/5/17	Service categories	<a href="#">Paying a spouse or parent of a minor for personal</a>	Comprehensive review; policy change – "Conditions for licensed residential

		<a href="#">assistance</a>	settings” section For more information, see the <a href="#">June 5, 2017, eList announcement</a>
6/5/17	Service categories	<a href="#">Background studies for direct-contact CDCS services</a>	Comprehensive review; no policy change
6/5/17	Service categories	<a href="#">CDCS service categories</a>	Comprehensive review; no policy change
6/5/17	Process and procedure	<a href="#">CDCS process and procedure</a>	Comprehensive review; no policy change
6/5/17	Eligibility	<a href="#">Eligibility for CDCS</a>	Comprehensive review; policy change – “Limitations: Receives services in a licensed or registered setting” section For more information, see the <a href="#">June 5, 2017, eList announcement</a>
6/5/17	Allowable/unallowable goods and services	<a href="#">Purchasing traditional AC/waiver goods and services under CDCS</a>	Comprehensive review; no policy change
6/5/17	Allowable/unallowable goods and services	<a href="#">Purchasing Internet access under CDCS</a>	New policy For more information, see the <a href="#">June 5, 2017, eList announcement</a>
6/5/17	Allowable/unallowable goods and services	<a href="#">Purchasing home care services under CDCS</a>	Comprehensive review; no policy change
6/5/17	Allowable/unallowable goods and services	<a href="#">CDCS service categories for traditional AC/waiver services</a>	Comprehensive review; no policy change
6/5/17	Allowable/unallowable goods and services	<a href="#">Allowable and unallowable goods and services under CDCS</a>	Comprehensive review; policy change – Added Internet access as an allowable service For more information, see the <a href="#">June 5, 2017, eList announcement</a>