

Archive of DSD lead agency eList announcements

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Overview	This page is an archive of announcements the DHS Disability Services Division has sent to the lead agency eList during the past two years.	
Terminology	The terminology used to describe people with developmental disabilities has changed over time. While DHS supports the use of "people-first" language within its documents, you might still find outdated terms within historical and official documents such as statutes, reports and third-party material.	
December 2025	12/16/25: Reminder: Updates to EIDBI service coordination with homeschooled students, including online school 12/16/25: Operating payment rate increase for ICF/DD providers 12/16/25: DWRS cost reporting survey deadline 12/16/25: Successful completion of the HCBS settings rules CAP for 1915c wa and AC program 12/16/25: CFSS implementation updates 12/16/25: New MnCAT modules on conversational interviewing 12/16/25: Some online forms will be offline during software upgrade Dec. 17, 2025 12/11/25: All clear to enter and change service agreements in MMIS 12/10/25: Updated: Some online forms will be offline during software upgrade Dec. 17, 2025 12/9/25: Recent CBSM updates 12/9/25: New program integrity website 12/9/25: Resources for COLA and enhanced budget increases to CDCS and C budgets 12/9/25: Some online forms will be offline during software upgrade Dec. 11, 2025 12/4/25: Reminder: Do not add or make changes to MMIS service agreements Dec. 5-10, 2025 12/2/25: DWRS cost reporting feedback 12/2/25: Care professional resources 12/2/25: Do not add or make changes to MMIS service agreements Dec. 5-10, 2025	
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October 2025	10/28/25: HIV care and prevention webinar 10/28/25: Jan. 1, 2026, DWRS component values updates 10/28/25: 2025 HCBS employee-owned cooperative grants pilot program summary 10/28/25: 2025-2026 NCI initiative 10/23/25: DHS requests public comments on amendments to the disability wa plans 10/21/25: WMS upgrade	

	<p>10/21/25: Final year of Minnesota Age & Disabilities Odyssey</p> <p>10/14/25: CFSS information sessions</p> <p>10/14/25: New resource about evidence-based practices</p> <p>10/14/25: Reminder: DHS seeks new members for the EIDBI Learning Collect</p> <p>10/14/25: Reminder: DHS seeks new members for the EIDBI advisory group</p> <p>10/14/25: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>10/14/25: Rate and budget changes on Jan. 1, 2026</p> <p>10/9/25: DHS requests public comments on BI Waiver application</p> <p>10/7/25: Free MTI quarterly training about transportation</p> <p>10/7/25: Reminder: Webinar announcement: Family AFC and Life Sharing Support Tiers Overview and Q&A</p> <p>10/7/25: Reminder: Webinar announcement: Culture of Safety Three-Day Advanced Practical Training</p>
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<p>August 2025</p>	<p>8/26/25: Reminder: Webinar announcement: Culture of Safety Orientation</p> <p>8/26/25: CFSS implementation updates</p> <p>8/26/25: MnCHOICES assessment process legislative updates</p> <p>8/26/25: MnCHOICES Notice of Action implementation</p> <p>8/19/25: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>8/19/25: Reminder: Grants to support new Americans in the LTC workforce</p> <p>8/19/25: Reminder: Opportunity to become a consultation services provider</p> <p>8/12/25: Register for Odyssey webinar "Exploring the Impact of Aging with HIV: Resources, Insight and Lifespan Considerations"</p> <p>8/12/25: Training announcement: Understanding Change of Ownership: What EIDBI Providers Need to Know</p> <p>8/12/25: Reminder: Training announcement: EIDBI Clinical Supervision Training</p> <p>8/12/25: Reminder: Webinar announcement: DWRS Cost Reporting Demonstration and Q&A – Unit-based Service Providers</p> <p>8/12/25: Reminder: Free MTI quarterly training about provider transformation</p> <p>8/12/25: Correction: New EIDBI clinical supervision requirements</p>

	<p>8/12/25: EIDBI licensing news and updates 8/12/25: Medicaid Matters communications toolkit 8/12/25: HCBS labor market survey instructions 8/12/25: CFSS implementation updates 8/12/25: Reminder: Direct support professionals survey 8/5/25: Webinar announcement: Culture of Safety Orientation 8/5/25: Employment First dashboards updated 8/5/25: MnCHOICES Notice of Action upcoming implementation</p>
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June 2025	<p>6/24/25: Reminder: Webinar announcement: PCA and CFSS Cost Reporting Demonstration and Q&A 6/24/25: Free MTI technical assistance 6/24/25: Reminder: RSSC implementation resources effective July 1, 2025 6/24/25: Additional resources for MnCHOICES initial assessments validity extension 6/17/25: Webinar announcement: MnCHOICES Initial Assessment Review – Overview and Q&A 6/17/25: Webinar announcement: DWRS Cost Reporting Demonstration and Q&A – Residential Service Providers 6/17/25: Reminder: ICF/DD LSNPs due June 30, 2025</p>

	<p>6/17/25: CFSS implementation updates</p> <p>6/17/25: Remote CFSS annual assessments approved by CMS</p> <p>6/10/25: Disability Hub MN grant opportunity</p> <p>6/10/25: MHM Program Manual updates</p> <p>6/10/25: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>6/3/25: Reminder: Webinar announcement: DWRS Cost Reporting Demonstration and Q&A – Customized Living Providers</p> <p>6/3/25: Reminder: Subminimum wage data report available</p>
May 2025	<p>5/27/25: Webinar series about serving children with complex needs in foster care</p> <p>5/27/25: Reminder: Webinar announcement: PCA and CFSS Cost Reporting Demonstration and Q&A</p> <p>5/27/25: RSSC implementation resources</p> <p>5/27/25: CFSS implementation updates</p> <p>5/27/25: More information about MnCHOICES initial assessments validity extension</p> <p>5/20/25: Odyssey webinar recording for “The Art of Access”</p> <p>5/20/25: Webinar announcement: DWRS Cost Reporting Demonstration and Q&A – Customized Living Providers</p> <p>5/20/25: Benefits and work conversations video</p> <p>5/20/25: ICF/DD LSNPs due June 30, 2025</p> <p>5/20/25: Additional guidance on 2025 rate adjustments for transitional services MMIS</p> <p>5/13/25: Webinar announcement: PCA and CFSS Cost Reporting Demonstration and Q&A</p> <p>5/13/25: Reminder: Training announcement: ICS Authorization and Implementation</p> <p>5/13/25: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>5/6/25: MMIS exception code 635 for transitional services update</p>
April 2025	<p>4/29/25: Webinar about the sensory equipment category of assistive technology</p> <p>4/22/25: Training announcement: ICS Authorization and Implementation</p> <p>4/22/25: Free MTI quarterly training</p> <p>4/22/25: Supporting new Americans in the LTC workforce grant program listen session</p> <p>4/22/25: Reminder: Webinar announcement: Culture of Safety three-day advanced online training</p> <p>4/22/25: CFSS implementation updates</p> <p>4/16/25: DHS requests public comments on CADI Waiver application</p> <p>4/15/25: Reminder: Webinar announcement: 245D virtual roundtable with Licensing and Disability Services: Supporting people to have meaningful outcomes</p> <p>4/15/25: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>4/15/25: Instructions for MMIS errors</p> <p>4/8/25: CFSS implementation updates</p> <p>4/1/25: Grant opportunity to reduce hospital discharge delays for medically complex pediatric patients</p> <p>4/1/25: Waiver-funded assistance for community emergencies or disasters</p> <p>4/1/25: MnCHOICES initial assessments validity extension</p>
March 2025	<p>3/25/25: Webinar announcement: Culture of Safety three-day advanced online training</p> <p>3/25/25: Webinar announcement: 245D virtual roundtable with Licensing and Disability Services: Supporting people to have meaningful outcomes</p> <p>3/25/25: Reminder: Webinar announcement: Culture of Safety Orientation</p> <p>3/25/25: Reminder: Register for Odyssey webinar “The Art of Access”</p>

	<p>3/25/25: Autism Symposium and Resource Fair returns April 9</p> <p>3/25/25: Updated: Employment services authorization guidance</p> <p>3/25/25: Applications open for Waiver Reimagine Advisory Committee</p> <p>3/25/25: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>3/25/25: Feedback about provider reimbursement for worker overtime</p> <p>3/25/25: Lead agency instructions to avoid gaps in services</p> <p>3/18/25: WMS status update</p> <p>3/18/25: Employment services authorization guidance</p> <p>3/18/25: CFSS implementation updates</p> <p>3/18/25: Reminder: Extension to complete provider costs and wages survey</p> <p>3/11/25: Save the date for the Great Minnesota Regional Positive Support Get Together</p> <p>3/11/25: Register for Odyssey webinar "The Art of Access"</p> <p>3/11/25: Publication of CL setting list</p> <p>3/11/25: ICS survey</p> <p>3/11/25: Culture of Safety, Systemic Critical Incident Review: Annual public report posted</p> <p>3/11/25: Survey about reimbursement for overtime</p> <p>3/4/25: Training on Minnesota Rules, chapter 9544</p> <p>3/4/25: Webinar announcement: Culture of Safety Orientation</p> <p>3/4/25: Residential support services criteria implementation</p> <p>3/4/25: MMIS exception code 635 for transitional services</p> <p>3/4/25: 2021 HCBS Workforce Development Grant report</p> <p>3/4/25: CFSS implementation updates</p> <p>3/4/25: Extension to complete provider costs and wages survey</p>
February 2025	<p>2/25/25: Reminder: License transition support opportunity</p> <p>2/25/25: LBAs can enroll as QSPs for EIDBI services</p> <p>2/18/25: 2025 Odyssey webinar series</p> <p>2/18/25: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>2/18/25: CFSS implementation updates</p> <p>2/11/25: Reminder: Webinar about technology for elopement and wandering</p> <p>2/11/25: Subminimum wage data report available</p> <p>2/11/25: License transition support opportunity</p> <p>2/11/25: Reminder: Apply for the EPRC</p> <p>2/11/25: Provider costs and wages survey now open</p> <p>2/4/25: CFSS implementation updates</p>
January 2025	<p>1/28/25: Webinar about technology for elopement and wandering</p> <p>1/28/25: Webinar announcement: Comprehensive Training on the Assisted Living License and CL Services</p> <p>1/28/25: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>1/21/25: DHS to continue DWRS cost reporting and begin CFSS cost reporting</p> <p>1/21/25: MnCHOICES user access recertification</p> <p>1/21/25: CFSS implementation updates</p> <p>1/21/25: Upcoming survey about provider costs and wages for rate methodology evaluation</p> <p>1/21/25: CDCS policy updates</p> <p>1/14/25: DWRS compensation threshold policy clarifications</p> <p>1/14/25: Apply for the EPRC</p> <p>1/14/25: Disability waiver amendments approved by CMS</p> <p>1/14/25: Rate increases and changes to select MHM services</p> <p>1/7/25: Webinar announcement: DWRS Quarterly Webinars</p> <p>1/7/25: MnCHOICES benchmarks annual report published</p>

	1/7/25: CFSS implementation updates 1/7/25: LTSS Improvement Tools discontinued
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October 2024	10/29/24: Reminder: Register for the annual Minnesota Gathering in November 2024 10/29/24: Reminder: Webinar on how to talk about technology during the MnCHOICES assessment 10/29/24: WMS status update 10/29/24: CFSS implementation updates 10/29/24: How to use MnCHOICES for people enrolled in managed care and disability waiver

	<p>10/29/24: DHS to begin CFSS cost reporting</p> <p>10/29/24: EVV requirements for Safe at Home program</p> <p>10/29/24: Complex transitions referral form to open to all lead agencies</p> <p>10/29/24: Reminder: DHS requests public comments on acute care transitions</p> <p>10/22/24: CFSS implementation updates</p> <p>10/22/24: COVID-19 wind-down policy clarifications</p> <p>10/15/24: DHS requests public comments on acute care transitions</p> <p>10/15/24: New requirements after the end of temporary SMRT MnCHOICES p</p> <p>10/15/24: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>10/15/24: CFSS implementation updates</p> <p>10/15/24: CLQI grant RFP</p> <p>10/15/24: PolicyQuest search function ends for adult protection, aging and disability services</p> <p>10/8/24: Webinar on how to talk about technology during the MnCHOICES assessment</p> <p>10/8/24: Register to attend Minnesota's Self-Direction Connection Conference</p> <p>10/8/24: Reminder: Training announcement: Culture of Safety online training</p> <p>10/8/24: Updated instructions for CDCS budget changes in the MnCHOICES revision</p> <p>10/8/24: Instructions for EIDBI providers applying for behavior analyst licensur</p> <p>10/8/24: WMS status update</p> <p>10/1/24: Reminder: Register for the annual Minnesota Gathering in November</p> <p>10/1/24: Free MTI quarterly training</p> <p>10/1/24: Engagement sessions about serving children with complex needs</p> <p>10/1/24: New resources for compensation thresholds tracking</p> <p>10/1/24: Reminder: DHS seeks new members for the EIDBI advisory group</p> <p>10/1/24: MMIS updates for CFSS implementation</p> <p>10/1/24: CFSS implementation begins Oct. 1, 2024</p>
September 2024	<p>9/24/24: Training announcement: Culture of Safety online training</p> <p>9/24/24: Webinar announcement: EVV Lunch and Learn</p> <p>9/24/24: DHS seeks new members for the EIDBI advisory group</p> <p>9/24/24: CFSS resource for workers now available</p> <p>9/24/24: What to expect when MnCHOICES legacy applications retire on Oct. 2024</p> <p>9/17/24: Watch The Principles of Disability Justice webinar recording</p> <p>9/17/24: Self-paced online course: CFSS MMIS Updates Training</p> <p>9/17/24: Webinar announcement: DWRS Quarterly Webinars</p> <p>9/17/24: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>9/17/24: Workplace rights and minimum wage requirements</p> <p>9/17/24: DHS publishes CFSS individual service delivery plan template</p> <p>9/10/24: Advancing Your Skills: Enhancing Support Plans webinar series upda</p> <p>9/10/24: DHS begins EVV compliance enforcement</p> <p>9/3/24: Register for the annual Minnesota Gathering in November 2024</p> <p>9/3/24: Reminder: Training announcement: Culture of Safety two-day online training</p> <p>9/3/24: MnCHOICES legacy systems retirement</p>
August 2024	<p>8/27/24: Final version of the CFSS Policy Manual now available</p> <p>8/26/24: DHS requests public comments on amendments to the disability waiv plans</p> <p>8/20/24: DHS to begin compensation threshold tracking</p> <p>8/20/24: Policy change for DD Waiver maltreatment materials</p> <p>8/20/24: Recent CBSM updates</p>

	<p>8/13/24: Training announcement: Culture of Safety two-day online training</p> <p>8/13/24: Webinar announcement: Culture of Safety Orientation</p> <p>8/13/24: Webinar about foster care policy requirements when placing children with complex needs</p> <p>8/13/24: Reminder: Webinar announcement: 245D licensing and disability services virtual roundtable series</p> <p>8/13/24: Disability waiver case manager informed choice training requirement</p> <p>8/13/24: Feedback about barriers to transition from emergency rooms and hospitals</p> <p>8/13/24: RFP to analyze funding models for direct support workers</p> <p>8/13/24: HCBS labor market survey instructions</p> <p>8/6/24: EVV provider training session</p> <p>8/6/24: Reminder: Register for the Odyssey webinar "The Principles of Disability Justice"</p> <p>8/6/24: Long-term services and supports workforce incentive payments for DSPs</p>
<p>July 2024</p>	<p>7/30/24: CFSS online trainings available</p> <p>7/30/24: Reminder: Save the date for the annual Minnesota Gathering in November 2024</p> <p>7/30/24: EVV provider onboarding session</p> <p>7/30/24: Webinar announcement: DWRS Cost Reporting Demo and Q&A – Residential and Unit-based Service Providers</p> <p>7/30/24: EIDBI legislative updates</p> <p>7/30/24: Spouses and parents of minors can be paid to provide PCA services</p> <p>7/30/24: EVV compliance reminder</p> <p>7/30/24: EVV survey</p> <p>7/30/24: Assisted living verification code requirement ends Aug. 1</p> <p>7/30/24: Policy change to allow access to MHM TC with AMH-TCM, CMH-TCM, BHH and ACT</p> <p>7/30/24: Legislative changes to PTO for CDCS and CSG workers</p> <p>7/23/24: Registration for Odyssey webinar now open</p> <p>7/23/24: Free MTI quarterly training</p> <p>7/23/24: Free MTI technical assistance</p> <p>7/23/24: Brochures and videos about how to get help with MnCHOICES assessments</p> <p>7/16/24: HCBS Workforce Development Grant update</p> <p>7/16/24: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>7/16/24: Reminder: Opportunities to give feedback on crisis, positive support, respite and specialist services</p> <p>7/9/24: Webinar announcement: CDCS unbundling project</p> <p>7/9/24: Survey about telehealth use with positive behavior support practices and services</p> <p>7/2/24: Reminder: Webinar announcement: DWRS Cost Reporting Demo and – Day Program Providers</p> <p>7/2/24: EVV compliance update</p> <p>7/2/24: RFP to analyze funding models for direct support worker retirement benefits</p>
<p>June 2024</p>	<p>6/25/24: Save the date for the annual Minnesota Gathering in November 2024</p> <p>6/25/24: Webinar about assistive technology for employment support</p> <p>6/25/24: CL survey request for BI and CADI waivers</p> <p>6/25/24: Spanish and Russian translations of the PCA/CFSS worker training and test</p> <p>6/25/24: Opportunities to give feedback on crisis, positive support, respite and specialist services</p> <p>6/25/24: Housing Stabilization Services survey</p>

	<p>6/25/24: Save information from in-progress online forms before July 12</p> <p>6/25/24: Federal mileage rate increase</p> <p>6/21/24: Emergency and disaster assistance for people receiving waiver services</p> <p>6/18/24: Update to webinar announcement: DWRS Quarterly Webinars</p> <p>6/18/24: Reminder: Webinar announcement: Advancing Your Skills: Enhancing Support Plans</p> <p>6/18/24: Disability waiver case manager employment training update</p> <p>6/18/24: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>6/18/24: Olmstead disability inclusion and choice survey</p> <p>6/11/24: Update to webinar announcement: EVV Quarterly Updates</p> <p>6/11/24: Webinar announcement: Caring for Children with Complex Needs: Intervention Services, Case Management Alignment and Policy Requirements</p> <p>6/11/24: Webinar announcement: DWRS Cost Reporting Demo and Q&A – Data Program Providers</p> <p>6/11/24: Employment First Capacity-Building Grant Program</p> <p>6/11/24: MnCHOICES revision project update about assessment results and O budgets</p> <p>6/11/24: Policy change to allow waivers/AC to stay open for 30 days during incarceration</p> <p>6/7/24: Phase 4 of the MnCHOICES revision launch will begin on July 1, 2024</p> <p>6/4/24: Reminder: Training announcement: Culture of Safety two-day hybrid training</p>
<p>May 2024</p>	<p>5/28/24: DWRS cost report audit and data validation</p> <p>5/28/24: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>5/28/24: Survey about service suspension and termination form development</p> <p>5/21/24: Training announcement: Culture of Safety two-day hybrid training</p> <p>5/21/24: Reminder: Webinar announcement: DWRS Cost Reporting Demonstration and Q&A – Family Providers</p> <p>5/21/24: Reminder: Register for the Odyssey webinar "From Either/Or to Both/And: When Disability and Aging Intersect"</p> <p>5/21/24: Positive support training about a systems approach to trauma-informed practices</p> <p>5/21/24: Reminder: Waiver Reimagine survey: DHS seeks input on disability waiver reform</p> <p>5/21/24: DHS will no longer allow lead agencies to bypass MMIS exception code 951</p> <p>5/21/24: DHS plans to review, update and archive PartnerLink MnCHOICES webpages</p> <p>5/21/24: EVV contact information update</p> <p>5/16/24: DHS requests public comments on CFSS Policy Manual</p> <p>5/14/24: Webinar announcement: Advancing Your Skills: Enhancing Support Plans</p> <p>5/14/24: Reminder: Focus groups and survey about community experiences with EIDBI</p> <p>5/14/24: Changes to the Direct Support Connect website</p> <p>5/8/24: DHS announces CFSS implementation timeline</p> <p>5/7/24: Free MTI quarterly training on statewide employment initiatives</p> <p>5/7/24: Correction to webinar announcement: DWRS Cost Reporting Demonstration and Q&A – Family Providers</p> <p>5/7/24: Policy change to remove MHM Y indicator eligibility requirement in the LTC screening document</p> <p>5/7/24: Grants available to HCBS providers that support rural and underserved communities</p>

<p>April 2024</p>	<p>4/30/24: Webinar announcement: DWRS Cost Reporting Demonstration and Q&A – Family Providers</p> <p>4/30/24: Disability waiver case manager employment training update</p> <p>4/30/24: Focus groups and survey about community experiences with EIDBI</p> <p>4/30/24: Waiver Reimagine survey: DHS seeks input on disability waiver reform</p> <p>4/30/24: Reminder: SASD Support Team to discontinue fax number</p> <p>4/23/24: Regional Capacity Building for Positive Supports Lunch and Learn</p> <p>4/23/24: Reminder about lead agency responsibilities for out-of-home crisis respite in an MDH-licensed hotel</p> <p>4/16/24: Rescheduled Odyssey webinar: "From Either/Or to Both/And: When Disability and Aging Intersect"</p> <p>4/16/24: Reminder: Webinar announcement: 245D licensing and disability services roundtable series</p> <p>4/16/24: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>4/9/24: Community residential services and crisis respite services as foster care placement</p> <p>4/9/24: Temporary SMRT MnCHOICES policy and SMRT ISDS access</p> <p>4/9/24: Increased limit to specialized equipment and supplies</p> <p>4/2/24: Upcoming Odyssey webinar postponed</p> <p>4/2/24: Reminder: Webinar about the life-changing power of technology</p> <p>4/2/24: Providers selected for 2024 DWRS cost reporting cycle</p> <p>4/2/24: Grant opportunity to support new Americans in the LTC workforce</p> <p>4/2/24: SASD Support Team to discontinue fax number</p>
<p>March 2024</p>	<p>3/26/24: Instructional video on how to apply for an HCBS license under Minn. Ch. 245D</p> <p>3/26/24: Positive support practices training about motivational interviewing</p> <p>3/26/24: Reminder: Register for Odyssey webinar "From Either/Or to Both/And"</p> <p>3/19/24: Webinar about the life-changing power of technology</p> <p>3/19/24: Disability waiver case manager employment training update</p> <p>3/12/24: Webinar announcement: 245D licensing and disability services roundtable series</p> <p>3/12/24: Reminder: Webinar announcement: Advancing Your Skills: Enhancing Support Plans</p> <p>3/12/24: Webinar announcement: EVV Quarterly Updates</p> <p>3/12/24: Supervisor responsibilities for disability waiver case manager training</p> <p>3/12/24: MnCHOICES benchmark annual report posted</p> <p>3/12/24: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>3/12/24: Lead agency business process review and recommendations reports</p> <p>3/12/24: New manual to support people who take psychotropic medications</p> <p>3/12/24: Reminder: Apply for the PCA training stipend by June 15, 2024</p> <p>3/12/24: AASD and DSD will no longer accept questions through PolicyQuest</p> <p>3/8/24: Phase 3 of the MnCHOICES revision launch will begin on April 1, 2024</p> <p>3/5/24: 2024 Odyssey webinar series: Registration for first Odyssey webinar now open</p> <p>3/5/24: Reminder: Training announcement: Culture of Safety two-day hybrid training</p>
<p>February 2024</p>	<p>2/28/24: CFSS receives federal approval</p> <p>2/27/24: 2024 Odyssey webinar series</p> <p>2/27/24: Webinar announcement: Advancing Your Skills: Enhancing Support Plans</p> <p>2/27/24: Webinar announcement: Culture of Safety Orientation</p> <p>2/27/24: Acute Care Transitions Advisory Council to meet Feb. 29</p> <p>2/20/24: Disability waiver case manager employment training now available</p>

	<p>2/20/24: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>2/20/24: MnCHOICES revision application user survey</p> <p>2/13/24: Webinar announcement: DWRS Quarterly Webinars</p> <p>2/13/24: PCA now covers driving provided by PCA workers</p> <p>2/9/24: Public comment period on efforts to manage ICS growth</p> <p>2/6/24: Training announcement: Culture of Safety two-day hybrid training</p> <p>2/6/24: Webinar announcement: Culture of Safety Orientation</p> <p>2/6/24: Update to PCA remote QP supervision policy for certain populations</p> <p>2/6/24: LTSS Improvement Tool lead agency feedback survey</p>
January 2024	<p>1/31/24: Letter from the director: Efforts to manage ICS growth</p> <p>1/30/24: Employment and informed choice training requirements for disability waiver case managers</p> <p>1/30/24: Resources about temporary suspension and termination of 245D-licensure supports and services</p> <p>1/30/24: Minnesota launches new Assisted Living Report Card</p> <p>1/30/24: CDCS policy change about hours of paid personal assistance services</p> <p>1/25/24: Waiver amendments approved by CMS</p> <p>1/23/24: Reminder: Acute Care Transitions Advisory Council to meet Jan. 25</p> <p>1/23/24: Self-paced online course: Applying for a DSD Grant: What You Need to Know</p> <p>1/23/24: Reminder: Volunteers from lead agencies needed to participate in focus groups about proposed MnCHOICES assessment changes</p> <p>1/16/24: Webinar announcement: EVV Quarterly Updates</p> <p>1/16/24: Free MTI quarterly training on engaging employers for competitive, integrated employment</p> <p>1/16/24: Acute Care Transitions Advisory Council to meet Jan. 25</p> <p>1/16/24: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>1/16/24: Volunteers from lead agencies needed to participate in focus groups about proposed MnCHOICES assessment changes</p> <p>1/9/24: Disability Services seeks Innovation Grants applications</p> <p>1/9/24: PSN form now available for MHM eligibility and enrollment process</p> <p>1/9/24: Case management, care coordination and assessment requirements</p> <p>1/2/24: Seeking people to apply for temporary field interview positions</p>
December 2023	<p>12/26/23: Reminder: Positive behavior support virtual training series</p> <p>12/26/23: Reminder: EIDBI legislative changes</p> <p>12/26/23: Reminder: Operating payment rate increase for ICF/DD providers</p> <p>12/26/23: Reminder: Rate and budget changes on Jan. 1, 2024</p> <p>12/19/23: EIDBI legislative changes</p> <p>12/19/23: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>12/12/23: Operating payment rate increase for ICF/DD providers</p> <p>12/12/23: 2023 provider legislative update posted</p> <p>12/12/23: New manual page about PCA services in HCBS settings</p> <p>12/6/23: All clear to enter and change MMIS service agreements</p> <p>12/5/23: Reminder: Webinar announcement: EVV Quarterly Updates</p> <p>12/5/23: DHS no longer requires hospice to use EVV in Minnesota</p> <p>12/1/23: Update on CFSS implementation timeline</p>
November 2023	<p>11/28/23: Updated MMIS automation instructions</p> <p>11/28/23: Reminder: Refrain from adding or making changes to MMIS service agreements Dec. 1-6, 2023</p> <p>11/21/23: Webinar announcement: Building Your Skills: Developing a Support Plan, Episode 15: Monitoring the Support Plan</p>

	<p>11/21/23: Positive support practices training</p> <p>11/21/23: SMRT Document Portal is available</p> <p>11/21/23: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>11/21/23: All required EVV service providers are live with EVV</p> <p>11/14/23: Additional Waiver Reimagine engagement opportunities</p> <p>11/14/23: Correction: Rate and budget changes on Jan. 1, 2024</p> <p>11/9/23: Extension to MnCHOICES revision project launch</p> <p>11/7/23: Training announcement: Culture of Safety two-day training in Roches</p> <p>11/7/23: HCBS lead agency reviews to begin again in spring 2024</p> <p>11/7/23: Refrain from adding or making changes to MMIS service agreements 1-6, 2023</p> <p>11/7/23: CFSS Development and Implementation Council seeks new member</p>
<p>October 2023</p>	<p>10/31/23: Webinar about off-the-shelf options for home automation to create a smart home</p> <p>10/31/23: DHS seeks applicants to join Waiver Reimagine Advisory Committee</p> <p>10/31/23: DHS signs contract with agencies to provide FMS</p> <p>10/31/23: CL moratorium exception to expire December 2023</p> <p>10/31/23: RFP for intervention services study</p> <p>10/31/23: RFI about specialized services and supports to new Americans to enter the LTC workforce</p> <p>10/24/23: Upcoming positive behavior supports (PBS) virtual training series</p> <p>10/24/23: DHS plans to hold Waiver Reimagine focus groups</p> <p>10/24/23: Updates to EIDBI rights and responsibilities forms</p> <p>10/24/23: Reminder: Exception allowing PCA provider agencies to bill for services provided by spouses and parents of minors ends in November</p> <p>10/17/23: Major Changes webinar recording now available</p> <p>10/17/23: Reminder: Attend the annual Minnesota Gathering in October</p> <p>10/17/23: Policy update about temporary admission to certain settings for a person using the DD Waiver</p> <p>10/17/23: DWRS component values update scheduled for January</p> <p>10/17/23: Reminder: DHS seeks new members for EIDBI advisory group</p> <p>10/10/23: MTI quarterly virtual training on financial implications of organizational transformation</p> <p>10/10/23: Webinar announcement: Building Your Skills: Developing a Support Plan, Episode 14: Approving the Support Plan and Service Authorization</p> <p>10/10/23: Attend the annual Minnesota Gathering in October</p> <p>10/10/23: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>10/3/23: Southern Minnesota Autism Resource Fair to be held in October</p> <p>10/3/23: Register to attend Minnesota's Self-Direction Connection Conference</p> <p>10/3/23: DHS hosts community conversation about autism and related conditions in Bemidji</p> <p>10/3/23: DHS-funded training for diverse person-centered planning facilitators</p> <p>10/3/23: DHS seeks new members for EIDBI advisory group</p> <p>10/3/23: Rate increase for ICF/DD DT&H services</p> <p>10/3/23: Interactive video approved for VA/DD-TCM</p> <p>10/3/23: EVV updates</p>
<p>September 2023</p>	<p>9/26/23: Reminder: Register for GEAR Grantee Showcase webinar</p> <p>9/26/23: New grant program to help organizations support families of children with disabilities</p> <p>9/26/23: RFP for EIDBI licensure study</p> <p>9/26/23: Disability waiver case managers must complete the course "Supporting Person's Move: A Case Manager's Role"</p>

	<p>9/26/23: Survey to get feedback on positive support training resources</p> <p>9/26/23: Reminder: Exception allowing PCA provider agencies to bill for services provided by spouses and parents of minors ends in November</p> <p>9/19/23: Webinar announcement: EVV Quarterly Updates</p> <p>9/19/23: Webinar announcement: DWRS 2023 Virtual Quarterly Meetings</p> <p>9/19/23: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>9/15/23: Update on launch of MnCHOICES revision project</p> <p>9/14/23: Final phase of EVV implementation starts in October</p> <p>9/12/23: Remember to apply for PCA training stipend grant initiative</p> <p>9/12/23: Survey to understand impact of caring career recruitment campaign</p> <p>9/12/23: Rate and budget changes on Jan. 1, 2024</p> <p>9/5/23: Innovation grants success stories added to webpage</p> <p>9/5/23: DHS thanks DSPs for their work before national week of recognition</p>
August 2023	<p>8/29/23: 2023 Odyssey webinar series – Registration for GEAR Grantee Show webinar now open</p> <p>8/29/23: Webinar announcement: Building Your Skills: Developing a Support Plan Episode 13: Backup Planning</p> <p>8/28/23: DHS requests public comments on amendments to the disability waiver plans</p> <p>8/22/23: Case manager and care coordinator toolkit reminder</p> <p>8/15/23: Reminder: Webinar announcement: Culture of Safety Orientation</p> <p>8/15/23: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>8/15/23: Conversational Agent tool now available for MnCHOICES assessors</p> <p>8/8/23: Reminder: Register for Major Change Initiatives webinar</p> <p>8/2/23: DHS seeks public comments for proposed EIDBI changes</p> <p>8/1/23: Community residential services providers to receive invite for staffing survey</p> <p>8/1/23: Electronic visit verification welcome letter available in MN-ITS boxes</p>
July 2023	<p>7/25/23: Virtual training about integrating work and benefits planning</p> <p>7/25/23: Community conversation in Mahanomen about autism and related conditions</p> <p>7/25/23: Subminimum wage information reporting and retention requirements</p> <p>7/25/23: Reminder: AASD and DSD communications feedback survey</p> <p>7/18/23: 2023 Odyssey webinar series – Registration for Major Change Initiatives webinar now open</p> <p>7/18/23: Webinar announcement: DWRS Cost Reporting Demo and Q&A</p> <p>7/18/23: Webinar announcement: Building Your Skills: Developing a Support Plan Episode 12: Rights and Informed Decision Making</p> <p>7/18/23: New video on early childhood screening and referral process</p> <p>7/18/23: How to identify assisted-living facilities that are MHM-qualified community residences</p> <p>7/18/23: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>7/18/23: Remote assessments: End of COVID-19 protocols and start of new remote assessment policy</p> <p>7/18/23: EVV start date for home health providers</p> <p>7/18/23: New EVV policy pages</p> <p>7/18/23: Reminder: AASD and DSD communications feedback survey</p> <p>7/11/23: Remote adult day training information</p> <p>7/11/23: MTI virtual training about Ohio provider changing its approach to services they offer</p> <p>7/11/23: AASD and DSD communications feedback survey</p> <p>7/5/23: Reminder: Register for 2023 Legislative Updates webinar</p>

	<p>7/5/23: MMIS claims edit to address CL age limitation for BI and CADI waivers</p> <p>7/5/23: Legislative changes to case manager training requirements and benefit planning</p> <p>7/5/23: DHS launches third year of HCBS labor market survey</p>
June 2023	<p>6/30/23: Update on launch of MnCHOICES revision project</p> <p>6/30/23: Increase to background study rates for CDCS</p> <p>6/27/23: CAC Waiver renewal approved by CMS</p> <p>6/27/23: Changes to family caregiver services through AC, ECS, EW and MHM</p> <p>6/20/23: Webinar announcement: Culture of Safety Orientation</p> <p>6/20/23: Webinar announcement: Office Hours: Overnight Supports</p> <p>6/20/23: Webinar announcement: Understanding DME</p> <p>6/20/23: Webinar announcement: DWRS 2023 Virtual Quarterly Meetings</p> <p>6/20/23: Webinar announcement: EVV Quarterly Updates</p> <p>6/20/23: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>6/20/23: Update on launch of MnCHOICES revision project</p> <p>6/13/23: Pathway to Services and Supports for EIDBI providers</p> <p>6/13/23: 2023 Odyssey webinar series – Registration for 2023 Legislative Update webinar now open</p> <p>6/13/23: "Building Your Skills" webinar series returns with new session about informed choice</p> <p>6/13/23: 2023 Odyssey webinar series – A second session with Donte Curtis</p> <p>6/13/23: DHS plans ICS focus groups for waiver case managers</p> <p>6/13/23: DD Waiver will require certification of disability</p> <p>6/13/23: Case manager and care coordinator toolkit reminder</p> <p>6/13/23: DEED launches direct care professional recruitment campaign</p> <p>6/13/23: Using revised MnCHOICES application for people enrolled in managed care and on a disability waiver</p> <p>6/13/23: Federal mileage rate increase</p> <p>6/13/23: Changes to customized living moratorium exception</p> <p>6/13/23: EVV PCA supervision update</p> <p>6/12/23: Updates to collocated setting policy</p> <p>6/8/23: Updated MMIS coding for assistive technology assessments and equipment for people using the DD Waiver</p> <p>6/6/23: Quality of life assessment and communication tools now available in multiple languages</p> <p>6/6/23: State makes more direct care professionals eligible for grant funds</p> <p>6/6/23: EVV Phase 3: Soft launch for MCO providers</p>
May 2023	<p>5/30/23: New E1MN trainings now available</p> <p>5/23/23: DHS launches third year of DWRS cost reporting</p> <p>5/16/23: CFSS trainings available</p> <p>5/16/23: Apply for grant initiatives, including retention bonuses and training stipends</p> <p>5/16/23: Updates on the HCBS Settings Rule transition</p> <p>5/16/23: Updates to MnCHOICES Help Desk Contact Form</p> <p>5/12/23: Temporary extension of COVID-19 modification allowing parents of minors and spouses to provide PCA services</p> <p>5/9/23: More self-study recommendations for "Building your skills" webinar series</p> <p>5/9/23: Central MN Autism Resource Fair set for June</p> <p>5/9/23: Waiver amendments approved by CMS</p> <p>5/9/23: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>5/9/23: EVV updates</p> <p>5/9/23: Permanent remote adult day services available July 1, 2023</p>

	<p>5/2/23: Information session: Upcoming campaign to recruit direct care professionals</p> <p>5/2/23: Register for the Task Force on Eliminating Subminimum Wages report recommendations webinar</p> <p>5/2/23: Past preadmission screenings (PAS) will be no longer available</p>
April 2023	<p>4/26/23: Update on launch of MnCHOICES revision project</p> <p>4/25/23: Webinar announcement: 245D virtual roundtable series</p> <p>4/25/23: Register for free Minnesota Transformation Initiative (MTI) quarterly training</p> <p>4/25/23: 2023 Odyssey webinar series – Workforce shortage</p> <p>4/25/23: Virtual training sessions about using positive support practices</p> <p>4/25/23: ICF/DD local system needs plans due June 30</p> <p>4/25/23: Updated: Waiver eligibility and MA financial eligibility renewals and the end of the continuous coverage period</p> <p>4/25/23: Emergency and disaster assistance for people receiving waiver services</p> <p>4/18/23: Reminder about BI and CADI customized living setting-specific age limit</p> <p>4/18/23: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>4/13/23: Update on launch of MnCHOICES revision project</p> <p>4/11/23: More self-study recommendations for "Building your skills" webinar series</p> <p>4/11/23: 2023 Odyssey webinar series – Topics, dates and times</p> <p>4/11/23: SASD Support Team discontinuing fax forms</p> <p>4/11/23: Updated: Use LTC screening document Mini-Cog field starting April 1, 2023</p> <p>4/11/23: Waiver eligibility and MA financial eligibility renewals and the ends of continuous coverage period</p> <p>4/6/23: Pause on launch of MnCHOICES revision project</p> <p>4/4/23: Information session: Consider becoming an HCBS cooperative</p> <p>4/4/23: Case management face-to-face requirements resume Nov. 1, 2023</p> <p>4/4/23: New and updated MnCHOICES communication forms/documents</p> <p>4/4/23: State Plan on Aging open for public comment</p> <p>4/4/23: Use LTC screening document Mini-Cog field starting April 10, 2023</p>
March 2023	<p>3/28/23: Update on launch of MnCHOICES revision project</p> <p>3/28/23: Register for free customized employment training</p> <p>3/28/23: Waiver amendments approved by CMS</p> <p>3/28/23: Update to MnCHOICES lead agency transfer form</p> <p>3/28/23: Do not use LTSS Improvement Tool after revised MnCHOICES launch</p> <p>3/21/23: 2023 Odyssey webinar series</p> <p>3/21/23: Webinar about assistive technology for people you support</p> <p>3/21/23: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>3/14/23: More self-study recommendations for "Building your skills" webinar series</p> <p>3/14/23: Disability Waiver Rate System (DRWS) 2023 virtual quarterly meeting</p> <p>3/14/23: Autism Resource Symposium returns April 12</p> <p>3/14/23: Updated Service Agreement and Screening Document (SASD) Support Team forms now available</p> <p>3/14/23: Requirements for electronic visit verification compliance</p> <p>3/10/23: Changes to AASD and DSD eList format</p> <p>3/7/23: Updates to policy about reassessments for changes in condition</p>
February 2023	<p>2/27/23: Updated DSD Contact Form</p> <p>2/27/23: Free training and technical assistance for day and employment service providers</p>

	<p>2/22/23: Task Force on Eliminating Subminimum Wages report published</p> <p>2/17/23: Update on CFSS implementation timeline</p> <p>2/17/23: End of the federal public health emergency and wind down of current COVID-19 waivers</p> <p>2/17/23: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>2/16/23: Status of the MnCHOICES revision project</p> <p>2/16/23: More self-study recommendations for "Building your skills" webinar series</p> <p>2/15/23: End to COVID-19 emergency staffing program</p> <p>2/13/23: Register now for free organizational transformation webinar</p> <p>2/9/23: Status of the MnCHOICES revision project</p> <p>2/7/23: Webinars to share information and gather feedback on positive support services</p> <p>2/2/23: 2023 virtual ASD lunch-and-learn panels and community conversations</p> <p>2/1/23: Self-study recommendations for "Building your skills" webinar series</p>
January 2023	<p>1/26/23: DD Waiver will require certification of disability</p> <p>1/24/23: Electronic visit verification updates</p> <p>1/23/23: Register now for training series about community-based positive support</p> <p>1/20/23: Update on MMIS authorizations for chore services</p> <p>1/19/23: Register now for free workforce strategies webinar series</p> <p>1/18/23: 2023 clinical training for EIDBI and other interested providers</p> <p>1/17/23: DHS requests public comments on amendments to the DD Waiver plan</p> <p>1/13/23: Annual EAA training set for Jan. 30</p> <p>1/12/23: Support plan training in 2023</p> <p>1/12/23: Policy change for paying relatives and legally responsible individuals</p> <p>1/11/23: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>1/10/23: Positive supports training for organizations</p> <p>1/9/23: Webinar about identifying and overcoming obstacles to AT and remote support</p> <p>1/4/23: Policy change for awake and asleep staffing through BI, CAC, CADI and DD waivers</p>
Additional resources	<p>CBSM – DSD lead agency eList information</p> <p>DHS – Archive of DSD stakeholder eList announcements</p> <p>DSD training news and information</p>