

**Note:** On Feb. 27, 2026, we updated this eList announcement to correct the instructions on how to make cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) to Community First Services and Supports (CFSS) budget model service agreements (SAs). Lead agencies cannot use the CFSS budget model calculator to calculate COLA changes for people using the CFSS budget model on a waiver or Alternative Care (AC). They must follow the instructions on [DHS – MMIS automation process for Jan. 1, 2026](#).

## **AASD and DSD eList announcement**

**Date:** Dec. 9, 2025, and March 3, 2026

**To:** Lead agency case managers who work with people using consumer directed community supports (CDCS) and CFSS

**From:** DHS Aging and Adult Services and Disability Services divisions

**Purpose:** To share resources to help lead agencies apply COLA and enhanced budget increases to CDCS and CFSS budgets

**Contact:** For questions about disability services, use the [DSD Contact Form](#). For questions about AC or Elderly Waiver (EW), email [dhs.aasd.hcbs@state.mn.us](mailto:dhs.aasd.hcbs@state.mn.us).

### **Resources for COLA and enhanced budget increases to CDCS and CFSS budgets**

DHS prepared resources to help lead agencies apply COLA and enhanced budget increases to CDCS and CFSS budgets.

We created the [CDCS 2026 COLA calculator](#) and updated the following resources to reflect the 2026 COLA and enhanced budget increases:

- [CDCS Community Support Plan Addendum, DHS-6633A \(PDF\)](#).
- [CFSS agency model calculator](#).
- [CFSS budget model calculator](#).
- [DHS – MMIS automation process for Jan. 1, 2026](#).

We are working to update the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) to reflect these changes. For more information, refer to the [Dec. 2, 2025, eList announcement](#) and [DHS – MMIS automation process for Jan. 1, 2026](#).

**Note:** Lead agencies can use the resources immediately but must not add or make changes to service agreements in MMIS from Dec. 5-10, 2025, or until DHS sends an all-clear eList.

### **Case manager actions for CDCS service agreements**

Case managers must complete [CDCS Community Support Plan Addendum, DHS-6633A \(PDF\)](#) for people using CDCS with service agreements that start before Jan. 1, 2026.

Case managers can use the [CDCS 2026 COLA calculator](#) to help them complete [CDCS Community Support Plan Addendum, DHS-6633A \(PDF\)](#) for the following waivers:

- Brain Injury (BI) Waiver.
- Community Access for Disability Inclusion (CADI) Waiver.
- Community Alternative Care (CAC) Waiver.
- Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver.

**Note:** For AC and EW, case managers must follow the instructions on [CDCS Community Support Plan Addendum, DHS-6633A \(PDF\)](#).

### **Lead agency actions for CFSS service agreements**

For people who are on a waiver or AC and use the CFSS agency or budget model, lead agencies must use the instructions in the PCA, CFSS agency model and home care services on waiver and AC agreements section on [DHS – MMIS automation process for Jan. 1, 2026](#).

For people who have a type B CFSS service agreement and use either the CFSS agency or budget model, lead agencies do not need to act.

If the service agreement meets specific requirements, MMIS automatically applies COLA and enhanced budget increases. For more information, refer to the CFSS budget model on type B agreements section of [DHS – MMIS automation process for Jan. 1, 2026](#).

If the service agreement does not meet the specific requirements, DHS staff manually apply COLA and enhanced budget increases.

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