

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 While DHS supports the use of "people-first" language within its documents, you might still find outdated terms within historical and official documents such as statutes, reports and third-party material.	
October 2022	10/10/22: Recent CBSM updates 10/6/22: Policy change about temporary admissions to certain facilities for 121 fewer days 10/5/22: ISDS read-only access provided to some direct county/tribal nation employees 10/5/22: Changes to the CFSS service delivery plan approval process 10/5/22: DHS recruiting new members to the EIDBI advisory group 10/3/22: January 2023 update scheduled for DWRS component values 10/3/22: CFSS Implementation Council seeks new members	
September 2022	9/26/22: Electronic visit verification timeline update 9/21/22: Request for grant proposals to fund child care for children with disabilities 9/15/22: Direct Support Professional Recognition Week is Sept. 11-17 9/15/22: CFSS implementation update 9/13/22: Tips for preventing assistive-technology abandonment 9/9/22: Direct Support Professional Recognition Week ideas and resources 9/8/22: Recent CBSM updates 9/7/22: Webinar about technology for healthy aging 9/2/22: Electronic visit verification welcome letter available in MN-ITs boxes	
August 2022	8/31/22: Metro Autism Community Resource Fair scheduled for September 8/31/22: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services extends the federal COVID-19 public health emergency 8/18/22: New resource about person-centered planning facilitation 8/11/22: DHS will launch MnCHOICES revised application March 31, 2023 8/10/22: Recent CBSM updates 8/8/22: Request for proposals to administer stipends for DSPs for enhanced rate trainings and retention bonuses 8/8/22: New and updated customized living resources 8/5/22: Register now for free organizational transformation webinar series for employment providers 8/5/22: DHS announces recipients of Provider Reinvention grants and technical assistance contract	
July 2022	7/28/22: How to ask for help 7/27/22: Removing language as a barrier to assistive technology 7/26/22: Changes to COVID-19 case reporting guidelines in DHS-licensed residential facilities 7/25/22: Connecting Families and Charting the LifeCourse Training grants opportunity 7/20/22: Reminder: Temporary staffing program still is available for residential service providers with a COVID-19 outbreak 7/20/22: Status of MnCHOICES revision project 7/19/22: People who receive waiver services must be assigned an individual case manager	

	<p>7/19/22: Revised My Move Plan Summary coming Aug. 1</p> <p>7/15/22: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>7/13/22: Waiver Reimagine survey: DHS seeks input on disability waiver consolidation</p> <p>7/13/22: Waiver amendments approved by CMS</p> <p>7/12/22: 2022 legislative change about grievance policy</p> <p>7/11/22: Assistive technology demonstration and information webinars</p> <p>7/7/22: CDCS updates</p> <p>7/1/22: Additional exception to the corporate foster care licensing moratorium</p> <p>7/1/22: July trainings and events about autism and related conditions</p>
June 2022	<p>6/30/22: End of temporary rate increase to address workforce shortage</p> <p>6/29/22: CFSS implementation update</p> <p>6/29/22: Request for grant proposals to fund child care for children with disabilities</p> <p>6/27/22: Submit applications for frontline worker pay</p> <p>6/24/22: Available resources for direct support professionals</p> <p>6/22/22: 'All clear' to resume entering and changing MMIS service agreements</p> <p>6/21/22: Webinar about assistive technology and adaptive recreational activities</p> <p>6/17/22: Updates on the HCBS Settings Rule transition</p> <p>6/16/22: Reminder not to add or make changes to MMIS service agreements</p> <p>6/16/22: Housing Stabilization Services: Information for waiver case managers</p> <p>6/15/22: Expiration of COVID-19 waivers CV.53 and CV.89</p> <p>6/10/22: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>6/8/22: New decision tool to compare EIDBI and special education services</p> <p>6/2/22: Refrain from adding or making changes to MMIS service agreements</p> <p>6/1/22: June trainings and events about autism and related conditions</p>
May 2022	<p>5/31/22: Using assistive technology to reduce the effects of staffing shortages</p> <p>5/24/22: Community emergency and disaster assistance protocols for people who receive waiver services</p> <p>5/23/22: Status of the MnCHOICES revision project</p> <p>5/19/22: DHS updates regional variance factor values for Disability Waiver Rate System frameworks</p> <p>5/18/22: Grants available to help increase access to services in underserved communities</p> <p>5/18/22: DHS will be sending announcements targeted to direct support professionals</p> <p>5/17/22: Reminder and clarifications: RFP to help direct support professionals closes May 23</p> <p>5/16/22: Reminders and updates about maintaining HCBS eligibility during the COVID-19 public health emergency</p> <p>5/13/22: DHS publishes HCBS Workforce Development Grant legislative report</p> <p>5/12/22: New workforce and service costs legislative reports now available</p> <p>5/12/22: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>5/11/22: Request for grant proposals to fund child care for children with</p>

	<p>disabilities</p> <p>5/9/22: Request for grant proposals to provide technology assistance to HCBS recipients</p> <p>5/4/22: Webinar on assistive technology for transitioning young adults</p> <p>5/4/22: Self-advocacy training and support is available</p> <p>5/4/22: DHS seeks public comment for proposed EIDBI changes</p> <p>5/3/22: New resource about emergency backup planning</p> <p>5/2/22: May trainings and events about autism and related conditions</p>
April 2022	<p>4/25/22: Request for grant proposals to help DSPs develop employee-owned cooperatives</p> <p>4/22/22: DHS/MDE memo about collaboration between EIDBI providers and school districts</p> <p>4/21/22: New training module available for employees of positive support services</p> <p>4/21/22: DHS seeks feedback from lead agencies and providers on transitional services</p> <p>4/20/22: How to talk to someone about technology during support plan development</p> <p>4/18/22: Rate and budget increases on July 1, 2022</p> <p>4/15/22: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>4/14/22: Remote support policy update</p> <p>4/11/22: DHS announces new timeline for phased start of electronic visit verification</p> <p>4/11/22: Status of the MnCHOICES revision project</p> <p>4/11/22: Temporary staffing help available for residential service providers</p> <p>4/4/22: Register for Telehealth and Remote Positive Support Practices Training</p> <p>4/4/22: CMS approves ICF/DD rate and policy changes</p> <p>4/1/22: April trainings and events about autism and related conditions</p>
March 2022	<p>3/31/22: Changes to informed consent procedure for Moving Home Minnesota</p> <p>3/31/22: Update on CFSS implementation timeline</p> <p>3/25/22: Information about the reinstatement of COVID-19 waivers CV.53 and CV.89</p> <p>3/22/22: Ideas for lead agencies to help people access assistive technology</p> <p>3/17/22: Clarification on new DSD Contact Form</p> <p>3/16/22: Register for MN Autism Resource Symposium</p> <p>3/9/22: HCBS community-engagement grants available to reduce gaps for older adults and people with disabilities</p> <p>3/9/22: Virtual social services fair opportunities in April</p> <p>3/8/22: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>3/4/22: Webinar about support technology in Minnesota</p> <p>3/3/22: Status of the MnCHOICES revision project</p> <p>3/1/22: March trainings and events about autism and related conditions</p>
February 2022	<p>2/28/22: Department of Labor and Industry offers recruitment and retention tools for employers</p> <p>2/28/22: Lead agency review feedback survey opens in March</p> <p>2/22/22: Helping ensure access to assistive technology</p> <p>2/18/22: CMS approves Case Management Waiver renewal</p> <p>2/15/22: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>2/14/22: Webinar discusses benefits of early intervention for children with</p>

	<p>ASD 2/9/22: DHS appoints Waiver Reimagine Advisory Committee 2/8/22: Request for proposals to provide innovative solutions for people with disabilities to achieve their goals in housing, jobs, services and community engagement 2/2/22: 2022 National Core Indicators initiative 2/1/22: Waiver Reimagine Phase 2 updates 2/1/22: Temporary rate increase to address workforce shortage 2/1/22: February trainings and events about autism and related conditions</p>
<p>January 2022</p>	<p>1/27/22: Resources to help make a good match between care providers and the people they support 1/26/22: Feb. 9 webinar on accessible gaming 1/25/22: College tuition available for workers who provide direct care and meet income requirements 1/24/22: Ways providers can coordinate with DHS during the critical workforce shortage 1/20/22: DHS requests public comments on amendments to BI, CAC and CADI waiver plans 1/20/22: DHS requests public comments on DD Waiver application 1/19/22: Status of the MnCHOICES revision project 1/19/22: New DSD Contact Form ready for use 1/13/22: Announcing the members of the Task Force on Eliminating Subminimum Wages 1/13/22: Recent CBSM updates 1/12/22: Recruitment resources for employers 1/10/22: RFP for HCBS employment providers to transition to competitive wages 1/6/22: Health Care Month highlights employment opportunities in health care 1/6/22: Live now: Updates to OBRA Level I, DHS-3426 and Senior LinkAge Line referrals 1/5/22: Webinar: The landscape of telehealth in Minnesota for disability and behavioral health services 1/5/22: 2022 trainings and events about autism and related conditions 1/5/22: End of temporary guidance for customized living service authorizations in MMIS 1/4/22: Public comment period for Community First Services and Supports 1/3/22: Electronic visit verification provider integration grants available</p>
<p>December 2021</p>	<p>12/30/21: Coming soon: Remote support to deliver many waiver, AC and ECS services 12/29/21: Launching Jan. 5: Updates to OBRA Level I, DHS-3426 and Senior LinkAge Line referrals 12/23/21: Expiration of COVID-19 temporary staffing program for residential service providers 12/22/21: 'All clear' to resume entering and changing MMIS service agreements 12/15/21: Reminder not to add or make changes to MMIS service agreements 12/14/21: Postponed: Updates to OBRA Level I, DHS-3426 and Senior LinkAge Line referrals 12/10/21: Recent CBSM updates 12/6/21: Status of MnCHOICES revision project</p>

	<p>12/3/21: Refrain from adding or making changes to MMIS service agreements</p> <p>12/2/21: Winter engagement opportunities for children with autism and their families</p> <p>12/1/21: CMS approves inflationary updates to DWRS framework services effective Jan. 1, 2022</p>
November 2021	<p>11/30/21: Public comment period for Case Management Waiver extension</p> <p>11/30/21: Waiver amendments approved by CMS</p> <p>11/29/21: Share your feedback on ways to address the direct care workforce shortage in Minnesota</p> <p>11/22/21: RFP for providing technical assistance to HCBS Employment Provider Reinvention grantees</p> <p>11/22/21: Coming soon: Updates to OBRA Level I, DHS-3426 and Senior LinkAge Line referrals</p> <p>11/16/21: Sign up for a two-part training on intervention for people with autism and related conditions</p> <p>11/16/21: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>11/16/21: Request for feedback on changing EIDBI annual evaluation requirement</p> <p>11/10/21: Instructions for related conditions diagnosis code F78.0 in MMIS</p> <p>11/8/21: Update to MnCHOICES launch schedule</p> <p>11/2/21: Help us share resources about autism spectrum disorder (ASD)</p>
October 2021	<p>10/28/21: Update about related conditions diagnosis code F78.0</p> <p>10/25/21: Service rate and budget changes effective Jan. 1 or upon federal approval</p> <p>10/22/21: New code for OBRA Level II evaluation reimbursement</p> <p>10/22/21: EIDBI advisory group has membership openings</p> <p>10/20/21: Coming soon: A new way to contact the DHS Disability Services Division</p> <p>10/20/21: Information on the direct care workforce shortage in Minnesota</p> <p>10/19/21: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>10/18/21: Technology First Advisory Task Force publishes new report</p> <p>10/18/21: Register for E1MN meetings that promote regional employment collaboration</p> <p>10/18/21: Temporary guidance for customized living service authorizations in MMIS</p> <p>10/15/21: Changes to out-of-home respite services</p> <p>10/13/21: January update scheduled for DWRS component values</p> <p>10/13/21: EIDBI Beyond the Basics training available in November</p> <p>10/12/21: MMIS update regarding ICD-10 diagnosis code F78.0</p> <p>10/11/21: Learn about life experiences of young adults with autism</p> <p>10/7/21: Virtual job fair opportunity with EIDBI providers on Oct. 21</p> <p>10/5/21: Request for applicants to join Task Force on Eliminating Subminimum Wages</p> <p>10/4/21: Recent CDCS updates</p>
September 2021	<p>9/29/21: MnCHOICES launch timeline update</p> <p>9/28/21: "All clear" to resume entering and changing MMIS service agreements</p> <p>9/24/21: Refrain from adding or making changes to MMIS service agreements</p> <p>9/24/21: HCBS rate and budget increases effective Oct. 1</p>

	<p>9/22/21: Attend 2021 Minnesota Gathering for person-centered practices</p> <p>9/17/21: Request for applicants to join Waiver Reimagine Advisory Committee</p> <p>9/16/21: Connect with interpreters to understand their role in health care</p> <p>9/15/21: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>9/14/21: CFSS implementation update</p> <p>9/7/21: Sign up for Employment First updates</p> <p>9/2/21: Information about next steps for providers to begin to use electronic visit verification</p> <p>9/1/21: New guidance about the life-sharing matching process and living arrangements</p> <p>9/1/21: Community networking opportunity with EIDBI providers</p>
August 2021	<p>8/30/21: Payments end for COVID-19 customized living rate add-on</p> <p>8/18/21: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>8/11/21: COVID-19 modification to allow parents of minors and spouses to provide PCA services</p> <p>8/4/21: Provider requirements for inflationary adjustment distribution reports</p> <p>8/4/21: Webinar about assistive technology options for daily living</p>
July 2021	<p>7/27/21: Updated information about remote reassessments and the COVID-19 waiver wind down</p> <p>7/26/21: Updates on COVID-19 modifications for people using CDCS, CSG, HCN and PCA</p> <p>7/22/21: EIDBI legislative updates</p> <p>7/21/21: Legislature authorizes Phase 2 of Waiver Reimagine</p> <p>7/19/21: RFP for the administration of grant funding</p> <p>7/16/21: Returning to pre-COVID-19 timelines for OBRA Level II evaluative report submissions</p> <p>7/16/21: Autism services and supports training opportunities in August</p> <p>7/14/21: New assessment type for functional needs updates</p> <p>7/12/21: DHS provides updated information about the COVID waiver wind down</p> <p>7/9/21: DHS seeks public comments on proposed spending plan for increased federal HCBS funds</p> <p>7/7/21: HCBS waiver employment services guidance changes</p>
June 2021	<p>6/21/21: Trauma informed care training for EIDBI providers set for July 13</p> <p>6/17/21: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>6/15/21: Preadmission screening policy moved to Senior LinkAge Line website</p> <p>6/14/21: Community forum: Evaluating racial and ethnic disparities in HCBS</p> <p>6/11/21: DHS selects vendor for state's electronic visit verification system</p> <p>6/9/21: DHS provides information about the COVID waiver wind down</p> <p>6/8/21: EIDBI policy updates in response to end of temporary changes during COVID-19 peacetime emergency</p> <p>6/1/21: Workshops offered on Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention provider collaboration with school districts</p> <p>6/1/21: Power of Language webinar scheduled June 24</p> <p>6/1/21: Pathway to Autism Services and Support webinar</p>
May 2021	<p>5/27/21: Lifting of COVID-19 restrictions for day support, DT&H, prevocational and structured day services</p> <p>5/27/21: Lifting of COVID-19 restrictions for adult day services</p> <p>5/26/21: Lead agency guidance regarding assisted living licensure and</p>

	<p>customized living services</p> <p>5/26/21: Electronic visit verification survey</p> <p>5/18/21: EIDBI parent, guardian and caregiver input sessions</p> <p>5/18/21: Assisted living facility licensure law toolkit for lead agencies is now available</p> <p>5/17/21: Updated MnCHOICES hospital level-of-care form (DHS-7096)</p> <p>5/10/21: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>5/7/21: Webinar about accessible home modifications that remove barriers, preserve dignity and promote independence</p> <p>5/3/21: Invitation to join online person-centered community of practice</p>
April 2021	<p>4/28/21: Summer engagement activities for children with autism and their families</p> <p>4/27/21: DHS clarifies temporary changes to the renewal process for DNR/DNI/LMT orders under public guardianship</p> <p>4/22/21: DHS requests public comments on amendments to the disability waiver plans</p> <p>4/19/21: Disability Law Center webinar on autism advocacy and rights</p> <p>4/16/21: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>4/15/21: Host a COVID-19 vaccination pop-up clinic</p> <p>4/15/21: ICF/DD Local System Needs Plans due July 1, 2021</p> <p>4/15/21: New information about Waiver Reimagine streamlined services, including overnight staffing options</p> <p>4/13/21: EIDBI input session for current and former EIDBI recipients and their families</p> <p>4/6/21: Pathway to Autism Services and Support presentation set for April 13</p> <p>4/5/21: New online navigation tool for early intervention autism spectrum disorder (ASD) services and supports</p>
March 2021	<p>3/30/21: COVID-19 modifications to alternative adult day services licensing requirements</p> <p>3/29/21: DHS to host April 22 webinar on smart home technology</p> <p>3/25/21: Virtual panel about lived experiences during Autism Acceptance Month</p> <p>3/23/21: Make a plan to get a COVID-19 vaccine</p> <p>3/22/21: CFSS Implementation Council meets June 17; Feb. 4 meeting materials shared</p> <p>3/19/21: Training on DIR/Floortime for EIDBI providers and others interested in autism services</p> <p>3/18/21: EIDBI Beyond the Basics online training available in April</p> <p>3/18/21: Updates on CFSS implementation</p> <p>3/17/21: 2021 National Core Indicators initiative</p> <p>3/15/21: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>3/4/21: COVID-19 modifications to center-based adult day services licensing requirements</p> <p>3/2/21: Recent MMIS updates</p> <p>3/2/21: Changes to customized living provider standards</p>
February 2021	<p>2/25/21: DWRS Cost Reporting Manual and online resources</p> <p>2/25/21: COVID-19 operational changes for facilities that deliver day support, DT&H, prevocational and structured day services</p> <p>2/10/21: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>2/5/21: Health care workers in Phase 1a may register for COVID-19</p>

	<p>vaccinations online</p> <p>2/4/21: Temporary remote support delivery of Waiver Reimagine streamlined services and prevocational services</p>
January 2021	<p>1/29/21: Federal approval and guidance to lift 40-hour/week limit for parents of minors and spouses in HCN, CDCS and CSG</p> <p>1/29/21: Moving Home Minnesota program extension and change in eligibility requirements</p> <p>1/29/21: New Positive Support Transition Plan (PSTP) documents ready for use</p> <p>1/29/21: Functional behavior assessment training for EIDBI providers</p> <p>1/22/21: Implementation of the HCBS rule tiered standards, effective Jan. 11, 2021</p> <p>1/19/21: Provider instructions to complete COVID-19 risk assessment</p> <p>1/14/21: OBRA Level II evaluative report changes during peacetime emergency</p> <p>1/11/21: "All clear" to authorize streamlined CADI service agreements</p> <p>1/8/21: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>1/6/21: DHS requests public comments on new resources about life sharing</p> <p>1/4/21: Critical information about the delay of CADI Waiver Reimagine streamlined services</p>
December 2020	<p>12/31/20: DHS adds ILS therapies to CAC, CADI and DD waivers</p> <p>12/28/20: "All clear" to authorize streamlined BI, CAC and DD service agreements after federal approval; still on hold for CADI authorizations</p> <p>12/23/20: Wait to authorize all Waiver Reimagine streamlined services changes</p> <p>12/22/20: Updated guidance to uphold the rights of people who access services during the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>12/17/20: DHS outlines how it will help certain MHCP enrollees keep health care coverage during COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>12/16/20: DHS requests public comments on revised BI Waiver application</p> <p>12/14/20: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>12/10/20: Webinar about technology response to COVID-19</p> <p>12/10/20: CMS approved CADI Waiver renewal</p> <p>12/9/20: COVID-19 operational changes for facilities that deliver DT&H, prevocational and structured day services</p> <p>12/9/20: COVID-19 modifications to adult day services licensing requirements</p> <p>12/8/20: Support for family caregivers and distance learning</p> <p>12/2/20: Temporary 8.4 percent increase for PCA services and CDCS/CSG budgets during COVID-19</p> <p>12/1/20: December system changes for Waiver Reimagine streamline services</p>
November 2020	<p>11/30/20: Prioritize assessments and facilitate discharges during COVID-19 peacetime emergency</p> <p>11/30/20: The MN Autism Resource Portal is now on Facebook!</p> <p>11/25/20: MMIS issue: Unable to save screening documents</p> <p>11/20/20: EIDBI Beyond the Basics online training available in December</p> <p>11/17/20: DHS requests public comments on BI Waiver application</p> <p>11/16/20: Guidance for residential settings to plan for contingency staffing</p> <p>11/10/20: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>11/9/20: RFP available for waiver-funded self-advocacy efforts</p>

<p>October 2020</p>	<p>10/26/20: Waiver Reimagine engagement opportunities in November 10/23/20: Webinar about technology that helps people get their voice 10/22/20: COVID-19 modification to adult day services licensing requirements 10/22/20: Disability Hub MN™ is now on Facebook 10/20/20: Updated COVID-19 guidance for DT&H, prevocational services and structured day services 10/16/20: DHS seeks new members for EIDBI Advisory Group 10/15/20: Temporary staffing help available for residential service providers during COVID-19 10/15/20: Pathway to autism services and supports webinar series 10/15/20: Case manager guidance for distance learning and disability services 10/14/20: DHS seeks input on value-based payment options for HCBS 10/14/20: Recent CBSM updates 10/14/20: Expanded disability waiver case management training requirements 10/12/20: Clarification about how to use the DSD Resource Center Portal, DHS-3754 10/9/20: Extension to COVID-19 national public health emergency and continuation of LTSS eligibility 10/8/20: Updated COVID-19 modifications to PCA services 10/7/20: COVID-19 guidance for lead agencies about maintaining HCBS eligibility 10/1/20: Disability services provider public health grants 10/1/20: New contact form for Resource Center</p>
<p>September 2020</p>	<p>9/28/20: Waiver Reimagine engagement opportunities in October 9/15/20: Recent CBSM updates 9/14/20: COVID-19 changes for assessment and support planning posted under peacetime emergency authority 9/11/20: Updated COVID-19 guidance for DT&H, prevocational services and structured day services 9/11/20: Waiver Reimagine engagement opportunities in September 9/1/20: DHS requests public comments on waiver service policy pages</p>
<p>August 2020</p>	<p>8/26/20: Changes to COVID-19 rate add-on policy for customized living providers 8/24/20: New resource for supporting a person with a residential service termination notice 8/21/20: Updated information about adult day services during the COVID-19 emergency 8/20/20: Clinical training on family/caregiver training and counseling 8/20/20: CMS extends timelines for regulation of HCBS settings 8/18/20: Recent CBSM updates 8/17/20: Legislative changes to criteria for new fifth bed capacity licenses 8/17/20: Waiver Reimagine updates and engagement opportunities 8/14/20: Reminder: Provider alert survey 8/6/20: Extension to COVID-19 national public health emergency and continuation of LTSS eligibility 8/4/20: Changes to COVID-19 rate add-on policy for customized living providers</p>
<p>July 2020</p>	<p>7/30/20: Webinar about technology for alternative overnight supervision 7/24/20: DHS requests public comments on amendments to the disability</p>

	<p>waiver plans</p> <p>7/23/20: Change to long-term care screening documents and MMIS inputs</p> <p>7/23/20: COVID-19 change to how DHS will provide the Waiver Reimagine amendment public comment period notice</p> <p>7/22/20: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>7/16/20: UMN Morris, DHS to host online human services career fair July 22</p> <p>7/15/20: Bulletin on COVID-19 guidance for DT&H, prevocational and structured day services in the community</p> <p>7/13/20: EIDBI telemedicine training for families now available</p> <p>7/9/20: A new recruitment and retention toolkit for agencies that support people with disabilities</p> <p>7/8/20: Temporary modifications to adult day center licensing requirements</p> <p>7/1/20: EIDBI Benefit Policy Manual legislative updates</p>
<p>June 2020</p>	<p>6/24/20: EIDBI Benefit Policy Manual updates</p> <p>6/23/20: Updated MMIS manuals available in eDocs</p> <p>6/22/20: Participation in LTSS programs cannot be terminated during national COVID-19 emergency</p> <p>6/19/20: DHS seeks members to serve on the HCBS Disparities Advisory Group</p> <p>6/17/20: COVID-19 modifications to PCA services</p> <p>6/16/20: DHS requests public comments on updates to EIDBI benefit form</p> <p>6/15/20: Temporary modifications to day service facility licensing requirements</p> <p>6/11/20: Temporary expansion of remote support for HCBS waiver services</p> <p>6/11/20: Opportunity to provide feedback about employment services through PIPEin</p> <p>6/11/20: DHS seeks feedback on learning modules about person-centered organizational change</p> <p>6/10/20: COVID-19 guidance for employment services</p> <p>6/10/20: Guidance for PCA agencies and other agencies providing in-home support during the COVID-19 emergency</p> <p>6/9/20: CDCS budget change for EW and AC</p> <p>6/9/20: DHS asks stakeholders about their availability to engage in Waiver Reimagine project</p> <p>6/8/20: Recent CBSM updates</p>
<p>May 2020</p>	<p>5/22/20: Provider alert system for critical COVID-19 pressures</p> <p>5/20/20: COVID-19 guidance for Moving Home Minnesota transition coordinators and lead agencies</p> <p>5/20/20: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>5/19/20: COVID-19 guidance for customized living rate add-on payments for settings with confirmed cases</p> <p>5/19/20: COVID-19 change to how DHS provides the CADI Waiver renewal public comment period notice</p> <p>5/18/20: DHS requests public comments on CADI Waiver application</p> <p>5/14/20: COVID-19 alternative adult day services FAQs</p> <p>5/13/20: Recent CDCS Policy Manual updates</p> <p>5/5/20: Instructions for COVID-19 changes to EIDBI policy and services</p> <p>5/4/20: Temporary expansion of remote support for HCBS waiver services</p> <p>5/4/20: Alternative adult day service delivery during COVID-19 peacetime emergency</p> <p>5/4/20: COVID-19 changes to EIDBI policy and services</p> <p>5/1/20: DHS clarifies temporary changes to the renewal process for</p>

	DNR/DNI/LMT orders under public guardianship
April 2020	<p>4/24/20: New appointments to the Interagency Employment First Advisory Committee</p> <p>4/23/20: Assistive technology and remote support options – Learn and talk with an expert</p> <p>4/22/20: DSD updates COVID-19 FAQ with answers to waiver policy questions</p> <p>4/16/20: Updates to the PCA worker training and test</p> <p>4/15/20: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>4/14/20: COVID-19 emergency protocol for VA/DD targeted case management activities</p> <p>4/7/20: Department of Human Services extends application deadline for DSD innovation grants</p> <p>4/7/20: DHS clarifies temporary changes to the renewal process for DNR/DNI/LMT orders under public guardianship (revised 5/1/20)</p> <p>4/6/20: COVID-19 emergency protocol for case management visits</p> <p>4/2/20: Temporary procedure approved for DD service agreement types R and S</p> <p>4/2/20: LTSS assessments temporary changes for entering in MMIS</p>
March 2020	<p>3/24/20: Guidance for residential and ICF/DD rates during COVID-19 emergency</p> <p>3/23/20: COVID-19 emergency protocol updates for the DHS Disability Services and Aging and Adult Services divisions</p> <p>3/23/20: Delay to DWRS cost reporting notification and launch</p> <p>3/20/20: Avoid using PolicyQuest for COVID-19-related questions about aging and disability services</p> <p>3/19/20: Changes to meetings and training about autism services</p> <p>3/17/20: DHS Disabilities Services Division COVID-19 update</p> <p>3/13/20: Departments of Human Services and Education move autism focus groups online</p> <p>3/4/20: Census 2020 – Counting Every Minnesotan</p>
February 2020	<p>2/28/20: CANCELED: Informational meeting on March 24, 2020, about services for young people with autism (revised 3/19/20)</p> <p>2/27/20: DHS seeks feedback on Positive Support Transition Plan documents</p> <p>2/26/20: DHS launches free customized support for HCBS providers</p> <p>2/20/20: UPDATED: DHS to host training for autism providers March 26 (revised 3/19/20)</p> <p>2/18/20: Departments of Human Services and Education seek autism focus group volunteers</p> <p>2/13/20: Reminder: Do not interpret or implement waiver plan changes without DHS policy guidance</p> <p>2/10/20: Changes to nursing facility level of care for people younger than 21 years old</p> <p>2/10/20: National Core Indicators initiative begins for 2020</p> <p>2/7/20: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>2/5/20: UPDATED: Information meeting on March 26, 2020, about services for young people with autism (revised 3/19/20)</p> <p>2/3/20: CDCS Policy Manual updates</p>
January 2020	<p>1/31/20: New report published about the Minnesota assisted living report card</p>

	<p>1/21/20: EIDBI and HCBS service coordination</p> <p>1/17/20: Waiver amendments approved by CMS</p> <p>1/15/20: Updated Minnesota Autism Portal now live</p> <p>1/10/20: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>1/3/20: New information on the pathway to services for autism and related conditions</p>
December 2019	<p>12/18/19: Final reminder: Action needed for skilled nursing visit authorizations</p> <p>12/18/19: CMS approves the competitive workforce factor</p> <p>12/17/19: 2019 HCBS settings heightened scrutiny update</p> <p>12/13/19: Update on the competitive workforce factor</p> <p>12/10/19: Rolling implementation of DWRS framework rates</p> <p>12/9/19: Recent CBSM updates</p>
November 2019	<p>11/20/19: Lead agency review team to issue corrective actions beginning Jan. 1, 2020, for non-compliance with support-plan timelines</p> <p>11/20/19: December update to Rate Management System</p> <p>11/14/19: RSVP for the Stakeholders Summit on the Vulnerable Adult Act (VAA) Redesign</p> <p>11/13/19: Clarification about using CDCS funds to advertise for and recruit workers</p> <p>11/12/19: DHS updated exit reason and assessment result codes on LTCC forms</p> <p>11/12/19: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>11/6/19: CFSS Implementation Council seeks new members</p> <p>11/6/19: Informational meeting on Dec. 6, 2019, about services for young people with autism</p>
October 2019	<p>10/29/19: Changes to how skilled nursing visits are authorized in MMIS</p> <p>10/24/19: MA-ABD applicants and enrollees must sign authorization form to ensure continued MA eligibility</p> <p>10/23/19: Help Minnesota develop an assisted living report card</p> <p>10/15/19: Enhanced online employment-focused training for service providers</p> <p>10/14/19: Consolidated RMS worksheet for day and employment-related services</p> <p>10/11/19: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>10/8/19: Clarification of MMIS exit codes for AC, BI, CAC, CADI, EW and ECS</p> <p>10/8/19: State agencies sign MOU to help people with disabilities to achieve their employment goals</p> <p>10/4/19: Requesting corrections in PCA service agreement start dates</p> <p>10/2/19: DHS launches HCBS provider toolkit</p> <p>10/1/19: January update scheduled for DWRS component values</p>
September 2019	<p>9/23/19: PolicyQuest keyword update will improve search experience for users</p> <p>9/23/19: Additional funding available to help lead agencies when a person transitions to the community from MRTC or MSH</p> <p>9/18/19: Training about environmental accessibility adaptations</p> <p>9/13/19: Recent CBSM updates</p> <p>9/6/19: DHS shares results of Wilder Research study of EIDBI Benefit</p> <p>9/5/19: MMIS process for DD Waiver reassessments</p> <p>9/3/19: CDCS Policy Manual updates</p>

<p>August 2019</p>	<p>8/30/19: Training for caregivers of people with dementia and intellectual or developmental disabilities 8/28/19: Parent meeting about services for young people with autism 8/27/19: Public comment period for amendments to the disability waiver plans 8/15/19: CDCS fiscal policy updates 8/14/19: Recent CBSM updates 8/5/19: DHS seeks public comments on HCBS setting evidentiary packages 8/1/19: Updates to the adult corporate foster care and CRS setting closure process</p>
<p>July 2019</p>	<p>7/30/19: Parent meeting about services for young people with autism spectrum disorder and related conditions 7/29/19: Online training about resources for people with autism spectrum disorder and related conditions 7/15/19: Recent CBSM updates 7/12/19: DHS seeks qualified applicants to support providers to improve service delivery 7/5/19: Enhanced rate/budget increases 7/3/19: Updates to PAS and OBRA processes for people with developmental disabilities 7/2/19: Efficiency updates to assessment process, short-term institutional stays, DD screening document and MMIS</p>
<p>June 2019</p>	<p>6/28/19: Information about DHS' Waiver Reimagine project 6/26/19: EIDBI policy and training updates 6/20/19: LTSS rate changes: All clear – Resume work in MMIS service agreements 6/14/19: Rate and budget changes for July 1, 2019 6/5/19: DHS updates fiscal year 2018 data on Employment First dashboards 6/4/19: DHS dental clinics available for people with disabilities 6/4/19: Recent CBSM updates</p>
<p>May 2019</p>	<p>5/29/19: Reminder to not make changes to some MMIS service agreements in advance of rate/budget changes 5/24/19: Help us find new Virtual Insight Panel (VIP) members 5/20/19: DHS launches Disability Waiver Rate System cost reporting website 5/13/19: MnCHOICES Assessment 2.0 update 5/10/19: Public comment period extended for HCBS setting evidentiary packages 5/10/19: Recent CBSM updates 5/3/19: Instructions to change fiscal services for CDCS and CSG participants 5/2/19: DHS changes name of behavioral support services and updates policy</p>
<p>April 2019</p>	<p>4/26/19: ICF/DD Local System Needs Plans due July 1, 2019 4/25/19: Public comment period for adult corporate foster care and CRS setting closure process 4/22/19: DHS renames and expands crisis respite specialized option 4/22/19 Share your feedback on proposed changes to the Positive Support Transition Plan and related documents 4/12/19: Update on VRS/SSB and DSD partnership to support competitive, integrated employment</p>

	<p>4/12/19: Correction to the eligibility for the enhanced rate or budget</p> <p>4/10/19: DHS expands availability of training through College of Employment Services</p>
March 2019	<p>3/29/19: Authorization change for PCA and HCN services</p> <p>3/22/19: Community emergency and disaster assistance protocols for people who receive waiver services</p> <p>3/22/19: Minnesota Positive Behavior Support Collaborators Forum</p> <p>3/21/19: Rate increase for comprehensive community supports service under Moving Home Minnesota</p> <p>3/18/19: Free training in April for day and employment disability service providers</p> <p>3/14/19: DHS has selected panel to advise on settings' compliance with HCBS rule</p> <p>3/13/19: Updates to BI, CAC, CADI and DD waiver general process and procedures CBSM page</p> <p>3/11/19: DHS seeks proposals to provide independent living skills training for people with intractable epilepsy</p> <p>3/4/19: Extension of Money Follows the Person Demonstration – Moving Home Minnesota</p>
February 2019	<p>2/26/19: Public comment period on updated content for residential habilitation services</p> <p>2/22/19: Internship and career events for college students interested in human services careers</p> <p>2/22/19: Informational meetings start in March about autism services for people younger than 21</p> <p>2/21/19: DHS completes Round 3 of HCBS lead agency reviews</p> <p>2/20/19: CMS grants final approval to Minnesota's HCBS statewide transition plan</p> <p>2/20/19: Invitation to attend the Long-term Services and Supports Measures Development Workgroup meeting</p> <p>2/14/19: Updates to transportation and employment services resources</p> <p>2/7/19: Instructions to implement the CDCS enhanced budget and extended PCA enhanced rate</p> <p>2/7/19: DHS updates frequently asked questions webpage for the LTSS Improvement Tool</p> <p>2/6/19: New CBSM page for market rate services</p> <p>2/6/19: DHS seeks comments on HCBS setting evidentiary packages</p>
January 2019	<p>1/25/19: Banding end-date decision by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services</p> <p>1/25/19: 2019 National Core Indicators initiative</p> <p>1/14/19: DHS seeks applicants for Home and Community-Based Services Settings Review Panel</p> <p>1/11/19: Billing changes for EIDBI services</p> <p>1/10/19: DHS completes the desk audits of all submitted HCBS provider attestations</p> <p>1/4/19: External Program Review Committee announces 2019 meeting dates</p> <p>1/4/19: Public comment period extended for proposed addition to EIDBI treatment modalities</p> <p>1/3/19: DHS seeks members to join External Program Review Committee</p>
Additional	<p>CBSM – DSD lead agency eList information</p>

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