



# Essential Community Supports

What is it and what is the SSIS impact?

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## What is it?

- Essential Community Supports (ECS) is a new program for people who are no longer eligible for:
  - Alternative Care (AC) services
  - Long-term care waiver services
  - Or nursing facility services
- These people may qualify for essential services needed to live in the community.
- The program is effective January 1, 2014.

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## DHS Resources

- See pages 6-8 in Bulletin #13-25-10 for more information on ECS.
- Link to bulletin:  
[http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/publications/documents/pub/dhs16\\_178522.pdf](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/publications/documents/pub/dhs16_178522.pdf)
- Link to DHS' ECS Webpage:  
[http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET\\_DYNAMIC\\_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=dhs16\\_148023](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=dhs16_148023)

# Essential Community Supports Eligibility Requirements

- The first group of eligible clients are people who do not or no longer meet Nursing Facility Level of Care (NFLOC) and:
  - Are not eligible for Medical Assistance (MA)
  - Are age 65 or older
  - Have financial resources no greater than those of people otherwise eligible for AC
  - Can benefit from an ECS service

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- The second group of eligible clients are people who:
  - Were receiving Elderly Waiver (EW), Brain Injury waiver (BI), Community Alternatives for Disabled Individuals waiver (CADI), or nursing facility services and lose MA eligibility for those services at reassessment on or after January 1, 2014 due to changes in Nursing Facility Level of Care (NF LOC) criteria
  - Are any age
  - Continue to be eligible for MA; or have financial resources no greater than those of people otherwise eligible for AC
  - Can benefit from an ECS service

# Essential Community Supports Services

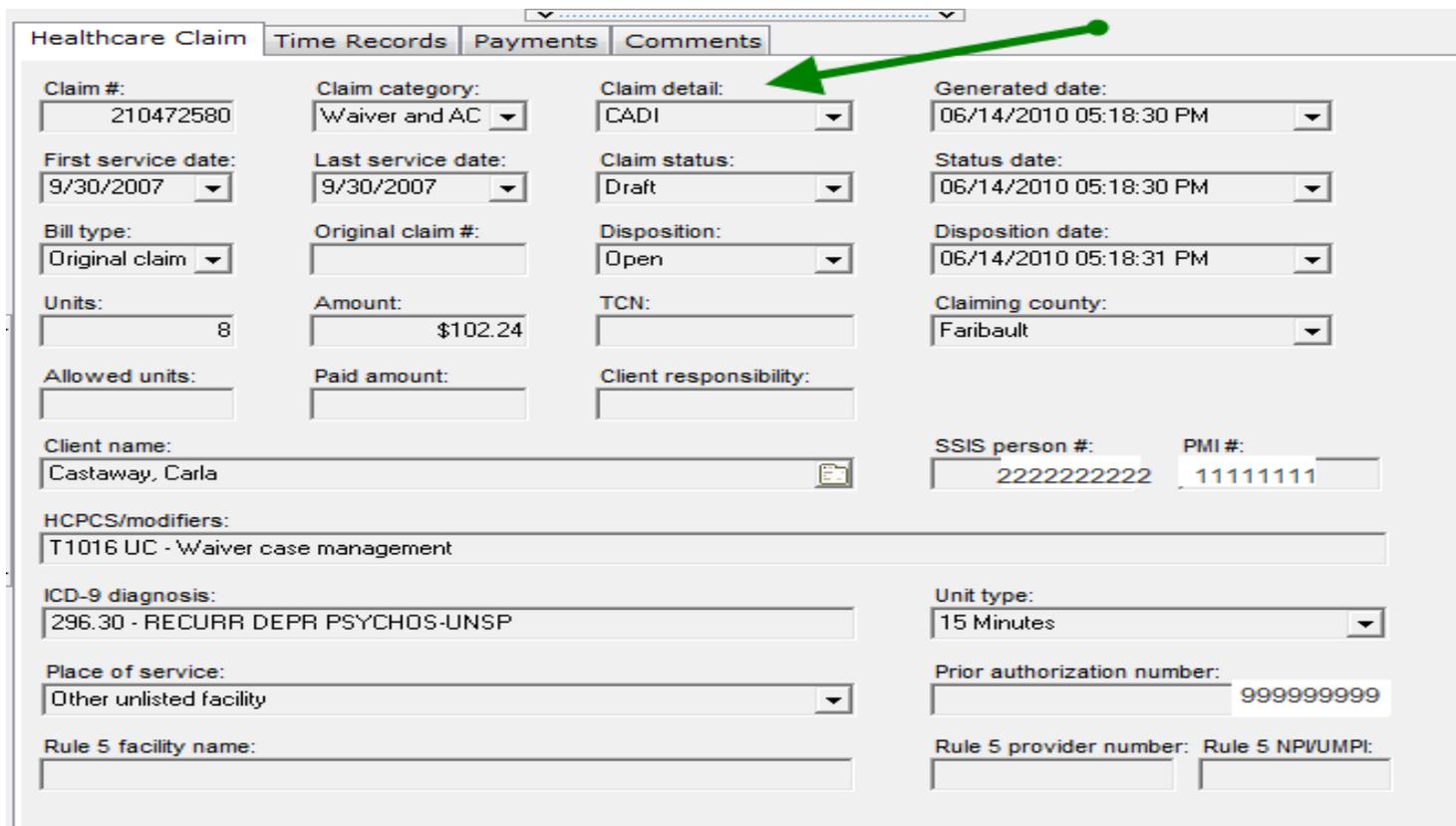
- ECS Services include:
  - Homemaker (S5130)
  - Chore (S5120)
  - Caregiver training and education (S5115)
  - Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS) (S5160, S5161, S5162)
  - Home-delivered meals (S5170)
  - New service: Community Living Assistance (CLA) to be added to MMIS and SSIS
    - We will determine BRASS codes when we get the new HCPCS code

# Essential Community Supports Service Coordination

- Service coordination
  - Reimbursement up to \$600 in a service year
  - Performed by case manager or case aide employed by or under contract with the lead agency
  - For the transition group only, a one-time \$600 service coordination payment in addition to coordination as part of \$400 per month budget

# Essential Community Supports Impact on SSIS

- Addition of a new Claim Detail Code with the description of "ECS"



The screenshot shows a web-based form for a Healthcare Claim. At the top, there are tabs for "Healthcare Claim", "Time Records", "Payments", and "Comments". A green arrow points to the "Claim detail" dropdown menu, which is currently set to "CADI". The form contains various fields for claim information, including claim number, dates, amounts, and client details.

Claim #:	210472580	Claim category:	Waiver and AC	Claim detail:	CADI	Generated date:	06/14/2010 05:18:30 PM
First service date:	9/30/2007	Last service date:	9/30/2007	Claim status:	Draft	Status date:	06/14/2010 05:18:30 PM
Bill type:	Original claim	Original claim #:		Disposition:	Open	Disposition date:	06/14/2010 05:18:31 PM
Units:	8	Amount:	\$102.24	TCN:		Claiming county:	Faribault
Allowed units:		Paid amount:		Client responsibility:			
Client name:	Castaway, Carla			SSIS person #:	222222222	PMI #:	1111111
HCPCS/modifiers:	T1016 UC - Waiver case management						
ICD-9 diagnosis:	296.30 - RECURR DEPR PSYCHOS-UNSP			Unit type:	15 Minutes		
Place of service:	Other unlisted facility			Prior authorization number:	999999999		
Rule 5 facility name:				Rule 5 provider number:	Rule 5 NPVUMPI:		

# Essential Community Supports Impact on SSIS

- Addition of a new Waiver Type Code of "Y - ECS - Essential Community Supports Grant"

The screenshot displays a software interface with a file tree on the left and a data table/form on the right. The file tree includes folders such as 'Name/Race', 'Relationship', 'Employment', 'Disability/Diagnosis/Substance', 'Health/Insurance', 'Medication/Checkup', 'CWB/Education/Infant and Toc', 'CMH Screenings and Assesse', 'Court Actions', 'Permanency', 'MAPCY/DOC Assessments', 'Workgroups & Intakes', 'Client Eligibility Log', 'Healthcare Eligibility from MMIS', 'DD Screenings', 'DT & H', 'Eligibility Spans', 'Living Arrangements', 'LTC Screenings', 'Medicare', 'PPHP Data', 'PPHP Exclusions', 'Recipient Cases', 'Service Agreements', 'TPL Policies', and 'Waivers'. The 'Waivers' folder is highlighted with a green arrow. The data table on the right has the following columns: 'Type', 'Last Screening Date', 'Begin Date', and 'Through Date'. The table contains one row: 'LTC - EW Diversion', '05/01/2007', '05/09/2006', and '04/30/2008'. Below the table is a form with the following fields: 'Type:' (dropdown menu set to 'K - LTC - EW Diversion'), 'Last Screening Date:' (dropdown menu set to '05/01/2007'), 'Begin Date:' (dropdown menu set to '05/09/2006'), and 'Through Date:' (dropdown menu set to '04/30/2008'). A green arrow points from the 'Waivers' folder to the 'Type' dropdown menu.

Type	Last Screening Date	Begin Date	Through Date
LTC - EW Diversion	05/01/2007	05/09/2006	04/30/2008

Type: K - LTC - EW Diversion  
Last Screening Date: 05/01/2007  
Begin Date: 05/09/2006 Through Date: 04/30/2008

# Essential Community Supports Impact on SSIS

- Addition of a new MMIS Service Agreement Type Code

The screenshot displays a software interface for managing service agreements. On the left is a navigation tree for a user named John Smith, with 'Service Agreements' highlighted. The main area shows a table of service agreements and a detailed view of the first one.

Prior Authorization Number	Status	Type	Start Date	End Date	Total Amount Used
71009011366	Approved	Agreement - EW Diversion	05/01/2007	04/30/2008	\$0.00
61389011118	Approved	Agreement - EW Diversion	05/09/2006	04/30/2007	\$640.00

The detailed view for the first agreement (71009011366) shows the following fields:

- Prior Authorization Number: 71009011366
- Status: A - Approved
- Type: K - Agreement - EW Diversion
- Start Date: 05/01/2007
- End Date: 04/30/2008
- Total Authorized Amount: [Empty]
- Total Cap Amount: \$26,040.00
- Total Amount Used: \$0.00
- Status Reason 1: [Empty]
- Status Reason 2: [Empty]
- Status Reason 3: [Empty]

Green arrows point to the 'Service Agreements' folder in the navigation tree and the 'K - Agreement - EW Diversion' dropdown menu in the detailed view.

# Essential Community Supports Impact on SSIS

- Addition of a HCPCS/Modifier code for the new service Community Living Assistance
- Inclusion of Major Program Code “UN – Unknown” for clients on this waiver type

# Essential Community Supports Services

- Questions?