



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

Bulletin

NUMBER

#15-25-08

DATE

May 14, 2015

OF INTEREST TO

- Nursing Facility (NF) Administrators
- County Directors
- Social Services Supervisors
- Public Health Supervisors
- Financial Worker Supervisors
- Tribal Health Directors
- Managed Care Organizations
- LTCC/MnCHOICES Administrative Contacts
- HCBS Providers

ACTION/DUE DATE

Discontinue enrollment of individuals under this funding; access alternative services if available. Submit all claims for services provided through June 15 no later than June 25, 2015.

EXPIRATION DATE

May 14, 2017

HCBS Funding Available to Emergency Medical Assistance (EMA) Recipients Ending June 30, 2015

TOPIC

Amendments to Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.06, subdivision 4 authorized funding for services available under the Elderly Waiver (EW) program to EMA recipients who met eligibility requirements, and within the availability of authorized funding. Authorization of this funding ends June 30, 2015.

PURPOSE

Notify lead agencies and providers that the last date of service for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) for EMA recipient funding is June 15, 2015.

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TERMINOLOGY NOTICE

The terminology used to describe people we serve has changed over time. The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the use of "People First" language.

I. Background

Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.06, subdivision 4 governs citizenship requirements for medical assistance (MA). This subdivision includes information about eligibility for qualified noncitizens, as well as services available to noncitizens, regardless of status, as necessary for the treatment of an emergency medical condition. Services necessary for the treatment of an emergency medical condition are defined and limited under paragraph (h), item (1); item (2) under paragraph (h) defines services not available to recipients of emergency medical assistance (EMA).

The 2013 Minnesota Legislature amended this statute by adding a new paragraph (l) under subdivision 4 that modified the services available to recipients of emergency medical assistance:

Effective July 1, 2013, recipients of emergency medical assistance under this subdivision were eligible for coverage of the elderly waiver services provided under section 256B.0915, and coverage of rehabilitative services provided in a nursing facility. The age limit for elderly waiver services did not apply. In order to qualify for coverage, a recipient of emergency medical assistance was subject to the assessment and reassessment requirements of section 256B.0911.

See bulletin 14-25-01 for more information related to the initial implementation of this funding.

Funding Discontinuing Effective June 30, 2015

Initial and continued enrollment under this subdivision was subject to the limits of available funding. Funding was appropriated through June 30, 2015, and expires effective that date.

No additional applications for this funding can be accepted by DHS after May 1, 2015. Individuals currently approved for services under this appropriation will no longer be able to receive payment for home and community-based services under this appropriation for dates of services after June 15, 2015.

All claims for services provided under this appropriation through June 15, 2015 must be correctly submitted no later than June 25, 2015 so that claims can be paid by June 30, 2015.

II. Long Term Care Services That Continue to Be Available

Long Term Care Services to Prevent Emergency Conditions from Arising

When long-term care services are needed for medical conditions that require further care outside of the emergency room or hospital, such as long-term care facility or home care services to prevent the condition from becoming an emergency within 48 hours, the physician or dentist can submit an Emergency Medical Assistance Care Plan Certification (CPC) Request ([DHS-3642](#)) to DHS' review agent. This form will continue to be used for requests of this nature.

III. Lead Agency and Provider Instruction

DHS will continue to authorize services for service dates up to and including June 15, 2015. Services will not be authorized for payment beyond this date. No later than May 15, 2015, DHS will send notices denying authorization of payment for service dates after June 15, 2015.

Lead agencies serving people on the EMA HCBS program should begin working with recipients and their families to plan for their care after the end of the program.

Providers must submit all claims for approved services no later than 11:59 p.m. June 25, 2015. DHS will send notices of denial of authorization for any services provided after June 15, 2015. Claims will also be denied for *any* date of service if the claim is not correctly submitted before 11:59 p.m. June 25.

Please go to [EMA and HCBS](#) for the provider update published April 8, 2015, as well as other information about EMA and HCBS services approved under the appropriation.

IV. Additional Resources

More information about Emergency Medical Assistance can be found at [EMA and HCBS](#)

All DHS Forms can be found at [DHS Forms](#)

All DHS bulletins can be found at [DHS Bulletins](#)

V. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory

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