



Bulletin

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OF INTEREST TO

County Directors

Social Services Supervisors
and Staff

Mille Lacs Tribal TANF

MinnesotaCare Operations
Manager, Supervisors and
Enrollment Reps

ACTION/DUE DATE

Immediately

EXPIRATION DATE

September 15, 2017

MA-EPD Premiums and MA Estate Recovery

TOPIC

How premiums paid by clients for Medical Assistance for Employed Persons with Disabilities (MA-EPD) affect claims for Medical Assistance (MA) estate recovery

PURPOSE

To provide county and tribal agencies with instructions for deducting MA-EPD premiums paid by clients from MA estate recovery claims

CONTACT

Health Care Eligibility Operations (HCEO), counties and tribal agencies should submit policy questions to HealthQuest.

All others should direct questions to Dale Klitzke, Manager - Special Recovery Unit, PO Box 64995, St. Paul, MN 55164. Phone: (651) 431-3108

SIGNED

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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

County and tribal agencies file claims against the estate of an MA client, or the estate of the MA client's spouse, to recover MA payments made for the client's health care. See Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.15, [subdivision 1](#). These claims are often called "MA claims."

II. MA-EPD Premiums and MA Estate Recovery Claims

MA claims recover MA-EPD payments made for a client's health care. However, MA-EPD clients pay a monthly premium throughout their coverage, and agencies cannot recover the client's premium payments from the client's estate.

Any monthly premiums paid by an MA-EPD client must be deducted from the total MA claim amount listed on the MMIS claims history report. Use the guidance below to deduct these premium payments.

III. Action Required

Follow estate recovery instructions in the Health Care Program Manual (HCPM) in sections [19.50 – Liens and Estate Recovery](#) and 19.50.05 – Methods of Estate Recovery. The HCPM is available online at <http://hcopub.dhs.state.mn.us/>.

Follow instructions for entry of county recoveries (related to MMIS payments) provided in [Bulletin # 15-21-06: Entering Recovery Obligations in MMIS](#).

Review any MA-EPD monthly premiums paid by the client. Subtract the total of these premiums from the MA claim amount on the MMIS Claims History Profile report. The Claims History Profile report does not factor in MA-EPD monthly premiums paid by the client.

If a client received services with MA as the major program, and with an eligibility type of DP, email Financial Billing and Reporting at DHS MADE to confirm the client's payment amounts for monthly premiums. Include the following information in the email:

To: dhs.made@state.mn.us

Subject: MA-EPD Recovery – Payment History Request

Narrative: Include the following:

- The client's name
- The client's PMI and MAXIS case number

- A request for the total amount of monthly premiums paid during the claim period by the client for the MA-EPD services. Please provide the specific dates of MA-EPD services that you are claiming reimbursement for.

IV. Legal Authority

Minnesota Statutes, [section 256B.15](#)

V. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory

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