



Bulletin

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#15-25-05C

DATE

September 29, 2015

OF INTEREST TO

County Directors
Social Services Supervisors
and Staff

Alternative Care Program
Administrators

County Fiscal
Administrative Staff

Community Health Services

County Financial Workers

ACTION/DUE DATE

Please read information
and prepare for
implementation

EXPIRATION DATE

September 29, 2017

Corrected #15-25-05: Alternative Care (AC) Program Fee Procedures, Billing, Long-Term Care Insurance Policy, and Estate Recoveries

TOPIC

Provide updated information on the responsibility of the lead agency to collect overdue fees, estate recovery of AC expenses, and long-term care insurance policies.

PURPOSE

Adding information regarding the 2015 Minnesota legislation which eliminated the requirement to collect Alternative Care fees for recipients using Consumer Directed Community Supports (CDCS) services.

CONTACT

Submit policy questions through [PolicyQuest](#).
For MMIS data entry questions contact the DSD Resource Center at dhs.resourcecenter@state.mn.us.

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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

Laws of Minnesota 2015, chapter 78, article 6, subdivision 19 removed the condition that waives the Alternative Care fee when the CDCS cost is no greater than the cost of the AC service plan minus the monthly fee amount. It also added a new condition that waives the fee if the person is using CDCS.

II. ROLE OF THE LTC SCREENING DOCUMENT

The AC Fee Waiver Reason field on the LTC screening document form DHS-3427 is used to populate the AC Fee Waiver Reason field on the MMIS ALT6 screen. To support this legislation, a new value 09 was developed called *Person is receiving CDCS*. Also, screening document edit 775 *AC Fee WVR RSN CD is Miss/Inv* was changed to post if:

1. value 07 *CDCS cost is not greater than the AC plan minus the monthly fee amount that would otherwise be assessed* is used when the Activity Type Date field (located in Section A of form DHS-3427 and on the ALT1 MMIS screen) is dated July 1, 2015 or greater; or
2. value 09 is used when the Activity Type Date field is dated prior to July 1, 2015; or
3. value 09 is used when the CDCS Ind field (located in Section F of DHS-3427 and on the MMIS ALT4 screen) equals N or is blank

In order to use value 09, the Activity Type Date must be July 1, 2015 or greater and the CDCS Ind field must be a Y.

III. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) ADVISORY

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