

Special Needs BasicCare

Enrollee Transition Access to Home Community Based Services (HCBS)



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SNBC Enrollment

- **Persons aged 18 through 64 are eligible to enroll in SNBC.**
- **April 1, 2016 SNBC Enrollment:**
 - **Total Enrollment – 51,640**
 - **Dual: 27,026**
 - **Number of Enrollees 65 and older – 2,121**
 - **Duals: 1540**
 - **Currently SNBC enrollees who turn age 65 after enrollment have the option to remain enrolled in SNBC.**
- **April 1, 2016 Enrollment in Northern Counties that will be transitioning to a new health plan or returning to FFS.**
 - **Total number of enrollees: 8101**
 - **Number of People 65 and over: 259**

DHS Collecting Data for the July 1, 2016 Transition

- **Data from the MCO**
 - **Pharmacy**
 - **People currently receiving services**
 - **Mental Health Providers**
 - **Substance Use Disorder Providers**
 - **Durable Medical Equipment (Prior Authorizations and Rental)**
 - **Supplies**
 - **Orthodontia Services**
 - **Obstetric Services**
 - **Hospitalization Services**
 - **Prior Authorizations for surgical procedures**
- **Case Management Transfer Form**
 - **DHS- Form 6037**

SNBC Enrollee Access to Home and Community Based Services

- **In addition to the comprehensive primary and acute care services SNBC health plans cover the following home and community based services:**
 - skilled nurse visits,
 - home health aide and
 - home care therapy
- **People on SNBC may receive personal care assistance (PCA) and home care nursing (HCN). Services are authorized and paid on a fee-for-service basis.**
- **People on SNBC may receive services authorized under all disability waiver programs. Waiver services are authorized and paid fee-for-service.**
 - **Brain Injury (BI), Community Alternative Care (CAC), Community Access for Disability Inclusion (CADI), Developmental Disability (DD) waivers**
- **People in need of Elderly Waiver (EW) services can not access EW services while they are enrolled in SNBC.**

Seniors Enrollment in Other MN Medicaid Managed Care Programs

- **Most people enrolled in families and children who turn 65 are mandated into managed care and have choice of two programs.**
 - **Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+) is a program for people who have Medical Assistance (MA) with or without Medicare. With MSC+, you get your medical services provided through the health plan of your choice and you choose a separate plan for your Medicare Part D drug coverage.**
 - **Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) is a program that combines all of the benefits of MSC+ with Medicare benefits into one program. MSHO provides care coordination to assist the member with finding and using services covered by MA and Medicare.**
- **People enrolled in MSHO/MSC+ may CONTINUE to receive services authorized under all disability waiver programs.**
 - **Waiver services continue to be paid Fee-for- Service.**
 - **People continue with county or county contracted case managers.**
- **People enrolled in MSHO/MSC+ may receive EW services.**
 - **Elderly Waiver services are paid and authorized through the health plan.**

Seniors in SNBC with Changing Needs Not on a Waiver

- **Change comes in many forms.**
 - Suddenly like a tidal wave.
 - Creeps along incrementally like a glacier.
- **Sudden tragedy leads to difficult choices for Seniors and their care givers (loss of care giver, loss of spouse)**
- **Adverse health effects contribute to an increased demand for medical/social care (simple surgery develop medical complications).**
- **Seniors often underestimate their fragility and find themselves in sudden need of moving to assisted living or needing supports beyond Personal Care Assistance (PCA).**
- **People's needs change and may forgot to tell their care coordinator.**
- **The fear: Senior's needs will NOT be met timely.**
 - **If Seniors end up in a nursing home due to lack of ability to access timely EW services there is an emotional cost to the person and a system cost.**

Meeting Senior's Needs

- **Seniors have an option for receiving services through an integrated program – MSHO.**
 - Evaluation showing the benefits of integrating programs (MSHO).
- **People enrolled in MSHO/MSD+ may CONTINUE to receive services authorized under all disability waiver programs providing they continue to meet all eligibility criteria.**
 - Waiver services continue to be paid Fee-for-Service.
 - People will keep their county case manager for authorization of waiver services.
- **People enrolled in MSHO/MSD+ receive timely EW services.**
 - Elderly Waiver services are coordinated and paid through the health plan.

Recommendation Consistent Policy

- **As of January 1, 2017 people in SNBC who turn 65 be mandated into a senior managed care program if they continue to meet the eligibility criteria to enroll in managed care. MSHO/MS C+**
 - **People enrolled in MSHO/MS C+ may CONTINUE to receive services authorized under all disability waiver programs and will continue with their current county or county contracted waiver case manager.**
 - **People enrolled in MSHO/MS C+ may have immediate access to EW services if a need is identified by an assessment.**
- **People will be automatically enrolled in the MS C+ health plan that provided their SNBC coverage, if that health plan is available to them in their county of residence.**
 - **Potential to have same health plan care coordinator.**
- **If the above option is not available the person will be able to choose from the MS C+ plans available in their county.**
- **People who turn 65 who have a medical spenddown and do not choose MSHO will return to Fee-for-Service.**

What Changes for Seniors Moving into MSC+ or MSHO

- **Timely access to Elderly Waiver (EW) Services.**
- **Opportunity to enroll in a health plan that offers an Integrated Medicare- Medicaid Primary, Acute, Behavioral and Long Term Support Services (MSHO). Or**
- **Enroll in Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+)**
- **In addition to EW services may receive skilled nurse visit, home health aide, home care therapies, personal care assistant and home care nursing through the health plan.**

What Remains the Same for Seniors Moving to MSHO/MSC+

- **Currently there are people enrolled in MSHO and MSC+ that receive services that are authorized and paid for under waivers for people with disabilities.**
 - MSHO – 1051
 - MSC+ - 525
- **People enrolled in MSHO/MSC+ CONTINUE to receive waiver services authorized under all disability waiver programs and will continue with their current county or county contracted waiver case manager.**
 - as long as all other waiver eligibility criteria are met and
 - they chose to remain on a waiver for people with disabilities.

SNBC Northern Counties Population 65 and Over

- **April 1, 2016**
- **Total 2,121 people**
 - No Spenddown 1925
 - Spenddown 196
- **Dual verse Non-Dual**
 - 1540
 - 581
- **Waiver Status**
 - Non- Waiver - 1617
 - Waiver for People with Disabilities – 504
- **Plan to transition this population to managed care if they do not meet any of the exclusions to managed care enrollment.**
 - Do not want to have this population transition twice in six months.
- **Ask of Stakeholders – to review letters that DHS will send to people 65 and over.**