

Bulletin

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OF INTEREST TO

- County Directors
- Social Services Supervisors and Staff
- MinnesotaCare Operations Managers, Supervisors and Staff
- Financial Assistance Supervisors and Staff
- Mille Lacs Tribal TANF
- Case Managers

ACTION/DUE DATE

Please implement upon receipt.

EXPIRATION DATE

August 2, 2013

Simplifying the Residency Requirements for MinnesotaCare Adults Without Children

TOPIC

MinnesotaCare for Adults Without Children

PURPOSE

This bulletin provides policy and instructions to simplify the residency requirements for MinnesotaCare adults without children.

CONTACT

MinnesotaCare Operations, counties and tribal agencies should submit policy questions to HealthQuest.

All others should direct questions to:

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I. Background and Introduction

The 2011 Minnesota Legislature amended MinnesotaCare law to eliminate the requirements that adults without children must intend to live in Minnesota permanently and must live in Minnesota at least 180 continuous days before they can be eligible for MinnesotaCare. Instead, adults without children will be required to meet the Medical Assistance residency requirements, which currently apply to applicants and enrollees for MinnesotaCare for families with children.

This bulletin provides policy information and instructions to implement the elimination of the permanent and durational residency requirements for MinnesotaCare adults without children.

II. Simplified Residency Requirement for Adults Without Children

Effective immediately, to qualify for MinnesotaCare, adults without children must meet the state residence rules that apply to MinnesotaCare families.

Applicants and enrollees must establish Minnesota residence by:

- Living in the state with the intent to remain here, either permanently or for an indefinite period of time; or
- Living in the state with a job commitment or seeking employment, whether or not they are currently employed.

Do not require verification of residence or intent to remain for any MinnesotaCare applicants or enrollees unless there is inconsistent information.

See Health Care Programs Manual (HCPM) [Section 13.05 – State Residence for MA/MinnesotaCare Families](#) for more information.

III. Action Required

Effective immediately, apply the MinnesotaCare families' residency rules to applicants and enrollees who are adults without children.

Approve MinnesotaCare eligibility for adults without children who meet all other eligibility criteria and:

- Live in Minnesota with the intent to live here permanently or for an indefinite period of time, or
- Live in Minnesota and have a job commitment or are seeking employment, whether or not they are currently employed.

Do not require that adults without children:

- Live in Minnesota for 180 continuous days prior to eligibility;
- Intend to live in Minnesota permanently; and
- Did not move to Minnesota for the primary purpose of getting medical care.

Disregard applicant and enrollee responses to Minnesota Health Care Programs Application ([DHS-3417](#)) question 7 and Minnesota Health Care Programs Renewal ([DHS-3418](#)) question 3 “Has anyone lived in Minnesota for less than six months?” for purposes of the MinnesotaCare eligibility determination for adults without children. The length of time an individual has lived in Minnesota is no longer relevant to their eligibility for MinnesotaCare. The Department of Human Services (DHS) will revise the forms in the future to reflect this change.

Example 1

Monica applies for MinnesotaCare. Monica is a single woman with no children and she is not pregnant. She moved from Iowa two months ago and is staying with friends while she looks for an apartment. She just started a new job in Minnesota and indicates on her application she intends to make Minnesota her home. She meets all other eligibility requirements for MinnesotaCare.

Action:

Approve MinnesotaCare eligibility for Monica.

Example 2

Susan is a MinnesotaCare enrollee. She reports on her renewal that her boyfriend Dale now lives with her. He is a single adult with no children, and he moved to Minnesota from Wisconsin last month. The renewal form indicates he plans to make Minnesota his home. He meets all other MinnesotaCare eligibility requirements for adults without children.

Action:

Approve MinnesotaCare for Dale on his own case.

IV. MMIS Systems Instructions

Continue to complete the MINN RESIDENT field on the RIND screen to indicate whether a MinnesotaCare applicant or enrollee is a Minnesota resident. Enter “Y” for individuals who meet the residency requirements described in this bulletin. Enter “N” for individuals who do not meet the residency requirements.

V. Legal References

Laws of Minnesota 2011, First Special Session, chapter 9, article 6, section 78.

VI. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory

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