

Bulletin

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OF INTEREST TO

- County Directors
- County Waiver Coordinators, Developmental Disabilities
- County Supervisors, Developmental Disabilities.
- Tribal Directors

ACTION/DUE DATE

Please read and implement.
Effective date: January 1, 2008.

EXPIRATION DATE

October 24, 2009

Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver: January 2008 Allocations

TOPIC

Calendar year 2008 allocations of Title XIX Home and Community-Based Services Waiver for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (DD Waiver).

PURPOSE

Announce the distribution of calendar year (CY) 2008 allocations for waived services for persons with developmental disabilities.

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BACKGROUND

The Home and Community-Based Services Waiver for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (DD waiver) is authorized by the Minnesota Legislature and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The DD Waiver is available to support persons with developmental disabilities in their home and communities as an alternative to receiving services in an Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Mental Retardation (ICF/MR). The 2007 Minnesota Legislature appropriated funding to support 300 diversion allocations.

ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

Allocation Distribution

Waivered services allocations are distributed to individual counties or to groups of counties that formed alliance partnerships.

DHS uses a formula to determine the county allocation based on:

- County Population change as identified by Dept. of Administration/ Office of Geographic and Demographic Analysis/ Land Management Information Center 2000 Census
- The number of people needing the waiver within the next year; and
- The number of people added to the waiver with no additional funding from CY 2006.

Alliance partnerships were given priority preferences as required under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0916.

Diversion allocations may be used beginning January 1, 2008.

See Attachment A for the distribution of the two hundred – fifty diversion allocations. DHS is holding fifty diversion allocations for use in emergency situation. Counties can contact their Regional Resource Specialist for more information on emergency diversions.

Allocation Prioritization

The resources allocated for the DD Waiver must be directed towards attaining the Department of Human Services (DHS) state policy goals which includes:

- Supporting children and families so that children with disabilities have a stable, nurturing environment within their community.
- Increasing non-institutional alternatives.
- Supporting the needs of persons in living arrangements that are unstable due to age or incapacity of primary caregivers.

- Building the capacity of local communities to support persons with disabilities and their families.

Also, the priorities outlined in Minnesota Statute, Section 256B.0916, subd. 5 (d) must be considered when assigning resources. These priorities include:

- persons whose living situations are unstable due to the age or incapacity of the primary caregiver
- children, to avoid out-of-home placement

The final determination to award an available diversion allocation to a specific person is made at the local level according to the county's written procedures and criteria. These allocation procedures and criteria must reflect state policy goals, and the priorities outlined in Minnesota Statute, in addition to the county's priorities. County agencies are responsible to provide copies of the written procedures to consumers or interested persons upon request. Counties are also required to notify DHS when changes occur to the county's written procedures and criteria.

ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS

Conversions are available at any time for persons leaving an ICF/MR when the bed is decertified. Contact your Regional Resource Specialist for more information.

FUNDING ALLOCATION

When receiving a new allocation, the county will receive the resource amount associated with the statewide cell value for the new participant's age bracket. The rates below include the October 1, 2007 provider rate increase allocated by the Legislature.

2008 State Wide Cell Values

Age	Cell Value
61+	\$200.99
41-60	\$202.79
22-40	\$185.36
14-21	\$132.33
7-13	\$100.22
0-6	\$93.93

MONITORING

DHS will periodically review allocations not in use for potential reallocation. Priority consideration for reallocation will be given to counties with alliance partnerships and to persons whose living situations are unstable due to age or incapacity of the primary caregiver and to children at risk of out-of-home placement.

LEGAL AUTHORITY

Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0916

Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.092, subdivision 4

Minnesota Rule, part 9525.1890

Developmental Disability Waiver Plan; control number 0061.90.R3.09

SPECIAL NEEDS

This information is available in other forms to people with disabilities by contacting us at (651) 431-2400 (voice) or toll free at (800) 747-5484. TDD users can call the Minnesota Relay at 711 or (800) 627-3529. For the Speech-to-Speech Relay, call (877) 627-3848.

2008 ALLOCATION SUMMARY

County Name	Allocation
Aitkin	3
Anoka	12
Becker	2
Beltrami	3
Benton	3
Big Stone	1
Blue Earth	4
Brown	2
Carlton	2
Carver	5
Cass	4
Chippewa	1
Chisago	3
Clay	2
Clearwater	1
Cook	4
Cottonwood	2
Crow wing	4
Dakota	9
Dodge	2
Douglas	2
Faribault	1
Fillmore	1
Freeborn	2
Goodhue	2
Grant	1
Hennepin	35
Houston	2
Hubbard	3
Isanti	3
Itasca	4
Jackson	1
Kanabec	2
Kandiyohi	2
Koochiching	1
LacQuiParle	2

County Name	Allocation
Lake	1
Lake of the Woods	2
LeSueur	3
Marshall	1
Martin	1
MilleLacs	2
Morrison	2
Mower	2
Nicollet	1
Nobles	2
Olmsted	4
Ottertall	3
Pine	3
Pipestone	1
Pope	2
Ramsey	12
Redwood	1
Rice	3
Rock	1
St. Louis	3
Scott	8
Sherburne	6
Sibley	1
Stearns	2
Steele	2
Stevens	2
Swift	2
Todd	1
Traverse	2
Wabasha	2
Wadena	2
Waseca	2
Washington	10
Wantonwan	1
Wilkin	1
Winona	2
Wright	3
Yellow Medicine	1
Lincoln/ Lyon/ Murray	5
Meeker/ McLeod/ Renville	6
NorthWest 8 (Kittson, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Roseau, RedLake)	11