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To: Personal Care Assistance (PCA) Agency Owners, Managing or Supervising Employees and Designated Billers

From: Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) - Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP)

MHCP will temporarily continue to allow PCA agencies to hire and pay for certain family members to provide PCA care to their MHCP-enrolled family member

This memo is to announce to PCA agencies the extension of the temporary allowance for parents of minors and spouses to be personal care assistance (PCA) workers after May 11, 2023.

DHS previously communicated that the federal government had announced the allowance for certain family members to provide PCA care to their MHCP-enrolled family member was ending on May 11, 2023, when the federal public health emergency (PHE) ends. However, on Friday, May 5, 2023, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) notified DHS of a change to federal policy allowing DHS to apply for a six-month extension to this allowance. The temporary allowance will now continue through **November 11, 2023**.

What does this mean for your agency?

PCA agencies can continue to submit claims for dates of service through **November 11, 2023**, for the following MHCP-enrolled family members who provide services to MHCP members:

- Parents of minors
- Stepparents of minors
- Legal guardians of minors
- Spouses

What does your agency need to do in these cases?

1. Continue to allow family members listed above to provide PCA services for the MHCP-enrolled family member.
2. Continue to submit claims to MCHP for PCA services that are provided by the family members listed in this memo.

Call the MHCP Provider Resource Center for further information at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411 or use the [Disability Services Division Contact Form](#) to submit an inquiry.