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| Updated EW Remote Reassessment PolicyPer the [DSD eList announcement](https://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=MNDHS-065205) dated 1-9-2024, we are adding to the guidance we sent in the 12-1-2023 Blue Plus Communique – Changes to EW In-Person Reassessments (also below).On November 1, 2023, DHS implemented a new EW remote reassessment policy. Updates to this policy now include:* DHS counts each visit held remotely before Nov. 1, 2023, as a face-to-face visit.

Therefore, any assessment completely remotely prior to 11/1/2023 is now considered face-to-face (in-person). The next assessment must be offered to be completed in-person, but with member’s consent, could be done via tele video/telephone.    |
| **Elderly Waiver Remote Reassessments**EW Remote Reassessment Policy & GuidanceBlue Plus Communique 12-1-2023The following process changes are due to the implementation of Revised MnCHOICES, Care Coordination workload pressures, and alignment with DHS processes which began November 1st. All changes described should be used by the Care Coordinator under professional judgement, discussed with the member, and made based on member choice and best interest. Care Coordinators must follow the below process which is effective immediately:In accordance to DHS guidance and the [Minn. Stat. §256B.0911, subd. 3a (r),](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjEyMTQuNjgyNTA2NTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5yZXZpc29yLm1uLmdvdi9zdGF0dXRlcy9jaXRlLzI1NkIuMDkxMSNzdGF0LjI1NkIuMDkxMS4zYSJ9.3Hh7JZgUhDyRKQA_9SqNjTLOV3FxIStOf-FffnH7olk/s/2934248798/br/150527635326-l__;!!CwIvYz4dIaSa!OaXBYkD7AcoT1pgWdQkqxJsAqoRVtaj7kZlWdwXHsQOjJ6e8zHu77EMXXiRBiqSiAFl65r1zD4wNKIC018F1-uordoxK0JcPi4GJft4$) the Care Coordinator may perform a remote Elderly Waiver reassessment every other year if all three conditions are met: 1. Their previous assessment was an in-person assessment, **and**
2. The member or member legal representative was offered an in-person assessment, **and**
3. The member or member legal representative chooses to complete a remote annual assessment. (When available, DHS recommends using interactive video to allow for observation [including observation of the person’s environment] and completion of screenings like the mini-cog.)

**Further Guidance**Remote reassessments may be conducted by interactive video or telephone to substitute for in-person reassessments every other year for Elderly Waiver. This remote Elderly waiver assessment may only be substituted for one Elderly Waiver reassessment and must be followed by an in-person reassessment.A remote Elderly Waiver reassessment is permitted only if the member being reassessed, or the member's legal representative (if applicable), consents to a remote assessment after getting the information they need to make an informed choice from the Care Coordinator. The Care Coordinator must document that the member was able to make an informed choice, according to the standard. When selecting a remote reassessment in MnCHOICES, the Care Coordinator must document in the corresponding text box that they offered informed choice.**What is Informed choice?** Informed choice means a person understands all options available to them, including the benefits and risks of their decision. When providing information about remote and in-person reassessments, the Care Coordinator must consider what information is important for the person to make an informed choice.Example of considerations include:* Potential communication considerations (e.g., the need for an interpreter, hearing loss and memory loss).
* Advantages of an in-person reassessment (e.g., observation).
* The person’s individual situation (e.g., a recent move, hospital stay, other institutional stay or changes to the person’s physical health, mental health, or support needs).
* The person’s preferences, concerns and feedback about the information provided.
* The member being reassessed, or the member's legal representative, has the right to refuse a remote reassessment at any time and have an in-person assessment. If the Care Coordinator determines an in-person reassessment is necessary during a remote reassessment, the Care Coordinator should schedule an in-person reassessment.
* All other requirements of an in-person reassessment shall apply to a remote reassessment, including updates to a member's support plan, provider signature requirements, and member signature requirements.

We are in the process of updating our Guidelines to include this new policy. |