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| [AASD and DSD eList: MnCHOICES revision project update about assessment results and CDCS budgets (state.mn.us)](https://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=MNDHS-066962)  MnCHOICES Revision Project Update re: Assessment Results & CDCS Budgets  DHS received lead agency feedback about MnCHOICES assessment results. When we developed the MnCHOICES revision assessment, we reviewed policy related to long-term care (LTC), developmental disabilities (DD) and home care. We considered policy intent and historical information when we developed the system rules that create budgets from the person’s answers in the assessment. After this review, we made necessary changes to the assessment to clarify the policy and improve accuracy of the intended thresholds for score values.  **Lead agency actions**  Due to the changes DHS made to the MnCHOICES assessment to clarify policy, a person’s score in the MnCHOICES revision assessment may differ from the legacy assessment even if their situation has not changed. The assessor must:   * Explain to the person that the new system determines scores based on current policies and regulations. * Not change assessment scores without direction from DHS. * Contact DHS for explanation about the difference between results using the MnCHOICES Help Desk Contact Form, DHS-6979.   **DHS actions with CDCS budgets**  DHS developed a formula to calculate CDCS budget amounts. The formula uses information from the person’s screening document and most recent assessment (i.e., long-term care consultation [LTCC] or MnCHOICES assessment).  DHS monitors all feedback about the MnCHOICES revision assessment and CDCS budgets. We will evaluate any system errors and track data to help direct any necessary changes to the system. We will communicate any changes we make to the MnCHOICES application. For more information on CDCS budget methodology, refer to CDCS Manual – CDCS budgets.**Policy change to allow waivers/AC to stay open for 30 days during incarceration** [AASD and DSD eList: Policy change to allow waivers/AC to stay open for 30 days during incarceration (state.mn.us)](https://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=MNDHS-066871)  Effective June 11, 2024, DHS updated policy to allow a person’s waiver or Alternative Care (AC) program to remain open for 30 days when they have been incarcerated temporarily. Before this policy change, lead agencies were required to close the waiver/AC as of the date of incarceration.  For more information and instructions, refer to [CBSM – Temporary waiver exits and restarts: MMIS actions.](javascript:link('DHS-312979','')) Updated 5/23/2024 Mentors Requested to Submit Questions Two Weeks Prior to MnCHOICES Office Hours **About** MnCHOICES “office hours” are conference calls held every month. Calls provide technical assistance, communications, and support to lead agencies as they continue to implement and manage MnCHOICES applications.  Staff members from all agencies that use MnCHOICES are strongly encouraged to participate. We ask that only MnCHOICES mentors and administrative contacts ask question during the call. Other agency staff can listen in, but should work with their mentor(s) to ask questions during the conference call. DHS asks that agency staff members call in as a group. Submit questions **Mentors must**[**submit MnCHOICES office hours questions**](https://tkearns86.wufoo.com/forms/mnchoices-office-hours-presubmitted-questions)**at least two weeks before the call.** |