

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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Moving Expenses benefit added to Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP)

Updated 12/01/23: The original effective date was to be January 1, 2024, but per DHS the benefit will now be effective on April 1, 2024.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will be implementing a benefit for Moving Expenses for eligible MHCP subscribers.

Moving Expenses is a component of the Housing Stabilization-Transition benefit and is available to subscribers receiving Housing Stabilization-Transition services that are transitioning out of Medicaid funded institutions or other provider-operated living arrangements to a less restrictive living arrangement in a private residence where the person is directly responsible for his or her own living expenses (own home). Moving Expenses are non-reoccurring and are limited to a maximum of \$3,000 annually.

Covered services may include:

- Applications, security deposits and securing documentation required to obtain a lease.
- Essential household furnishings; including furniture, window coverings, food preparation items, bed/bath linens.
- Set-up fees or deposits for utility or service access, including telephone, electricity, heating, water.
- Services necessary for the individual's health and safety such as pest eradication and one-time cleaning prior to occupancy.
- Necessary home accessibility adaptations.

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) will review all requests for Moving Expenses. DHS currently reviews and authorizes Transitioning/Sustaining services per established criteria. The review may be performed at initial authorization or renewal. Providers should submit a plan change including Moving Expenses if a person is moving mid-eligibility period and meets criteria for Moving Expenses. DHS will communicate authorizations to Blue Cross.

Providers are required to maintain documentation of all purchases and spending, including receipts and invoices related to the subscriber's eligible Moving Expenses. Providers are required to track costs separately from other services provided under Housing Stabilization - Transition Services.

Eligible Moving Expenses should be submitted by the authorized Housing Transition provider using HCPCS code T2038-U8. All claims for Moving Expenses must include a claims attachment with a receipt or invoice clearly identifying the service or item. Claims submitted without the attachment will not be reimbursed. All claims attachments will be reviewed to determine eligibility for the service or item.

Moving Expense providers and/or their family members cannot sell goods and services to recipients that are reimbursed through the Moving Expense benefits and Moving Expenses cannot be used to purchase goods and services from a subscriber's family member.

Products Impacted

- Families and Children
- Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+)
- Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO)

Questions?

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