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Care Coordination and Long-Term Services and Supports

Title: Temporary Department of Human Services (DHS) Adult Day Center (ADC) Licensing Moratorium – Exceptions

Purpose: To provide guidance to care coordinators on situations where an exception request can be submitted to review an ADC application during the moratorium.

Summary:

	Key Points
	<p>The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) is implementing a temporary licensing moratorium for Adult Day Centers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective: February 1, 2026 • Expected end date: January 31, 2028 (24 months) • During the moratorium, DHS will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stop accepting new ADC license applications ○ Cancel all ADC applications already submitted but not yet processed • Exceptions can be considered in the outlined situations

Exception Process (Began February 1, 2026)

To ensure access to services statewide, DHS is creating a moratorium exception process. Exceptions may be requested **only by**:

- Counties (lead agencies)
- Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)
- Tribal Nations

These agencies must designate an ADC licensing moratorium liaison. Requests from anyone else will **not** be accepted.

Two Scenarios for Exceptions

Person-Specific Need: A specific individual’s ADC service needs cannot be met by existing licensed providers in their county, reservation, or region (including surrounding counties).

Regional Service Need: A regional need for additional ADC capacity based on multiple individuals lacking access.

Provider Requirements

- UCare must identify a potential provider willing to deliver services if approved
- If DHS accepts the exception request:

- DHS will contact the identified provider
- The provider must submit a full ADC license application
- The application will undergo the standard review and must meet all licensing requirements

Important: Approval of an exception request does **not** guarantee license issuance or service addition. Providers **must** meet all qualifications.

Action for Care Coordinators (CCs)

If it is determined that a member's needs cannot be met with current providers, complete the **ADC Exception Request Form** and email the UCare Clinical Liaisons at msc_msho_clinicaliaison@ucare.org.

***Note:** CCs must review the request with their supervisor **prior** to sending them to the Clinical Liaisons.

Next Steps

1. After the Care Coordinator (CC) submits the exception request to UCare Clinical Liaisons, UCare will review the request and notify the CC whether it will be forwarded to DHS.
 - a. If the request is **not forwarded**, no further action is taken.
 - b. If the request is **forwarded to DHS**:
 - i. If DHS **does not approve** the request, UCare will notify both the provider and the CC.
 - ii. If DHS **approves** the Adult Day Center request, DHS will notify UCare and the identified provider and initiate next steps. UCare will then notify the CC.
2. Provider completes the application process.
 - a. DHS will review application and make a decision.
 - i. If DHS **does not approve** the potential provider, DHS will notify UCare and the identified provider. UCare will notify the CC.
 - ii. If **approved**, DHS will notify the provider and UCare. UCare will notify the CC.

Important Reminders

- Only officially designated moratorium liaisons may submit exception requests.
- Providers **cannot** submit their own exception requests.
- This process applies statewide beginning February 1, 2026.

For More Information

DHS Licensing Division - licensemoratorium.dhs@state.mn.us
[Adult Day Care Centers: Implementation plan for 2025 legislative changes](#)
[Licensing help for adult day providers](#)