

# Care Coordination Alert



## News of interest from UCare

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Issues of **Care Coordination Alert** often refer to several different UCare forms. Please note that UCare care coordination forms are on the UCare website under the Care Coordination and Care Management web page.

### **Please send care coordination-related questions to the Clinical Liaison mailbox:**

MSC/MSHO: [MSC\\_MSHO\\_ClinicalLiaison@ucare.org](mailto:MSC_MSHO_ClinicalLiaison@ucare.org) or by phone: 612-294-5045 or 1-866-613-1395

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### **Service Rate and Budget Changes Effective January 1, 2025**

As outlined on the [November 12, 2024 DHS eList announcement](#), DHS has increased the following monthly budget caps and monthly service rate limits effective January 1, 2025:

- 4.53% increase to EW monthly case mix budget caps
- 4.53% increase to consumer directed community supports (CDCS) budgets under EW
- 4.53% increase to EW 24-hour customized living daily and monthly limits. This change will happen on a rolling basis as lead agencies renew service plans throughout the year.
- 6.195% increase to home-delivered meals
- 3.14% increase to home health aide, skilled nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, respiratory therapy and speech therapy (market basket adjustment)
- 4.37% increase to 1:1 PCA/CFSS
- 4.37% increase to PCA supervision and CFSS worker training and development

Care coordinators should be aware of the new monthly budget and service rate increases in the member's EW budget at the member's next reassessment, which will be accounted for in MnCHOICES. If the member is now over budget due to the rate increase, please complete a [Request to Exceed Case Mix Cap form](#) located in the Forms drawer on the [UCare Care Managers page](#).

### **Action Required: CDCS Rate Change Process**

UCare will be uploading a list of members that currently have an active authorization for CDCS into the One Time Mailings folder in the SecFTP portal. The care coordinator will need to identify all members that are receiving CDCS services and take the following actions:

- Complete the [DHS-6633A](#) following all directions under EW Legislative Rate Changes section on page 8 of the [UCare Care Coordinator CDCS Guidelines](#)
- If the member will be utilizing the increased funds the care coordinator must revise the Support Plan and complete a new [Waiver Service Approval form](#) and send to UCare at [CLSIntake@ucare.org](mailto:CLSIntake@ucare.org) or by fax at 612-884-2185.

For more information refer to [Long-term services and supports rate changes webpage](#).

Thank you,

**UCare Clinical Liaison Team**