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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
601 E. 12th St., Room 355
Kansas City, Missouri 64106



Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

March 13, 2026

John Connolly
Assistant Commissioner and State Medicaid Director
Minnesota Department of Human Services
540 Cedar Street
P.O. Box 64983
St. Paul, MN 55164-0983

Re: Minnesota State Plan Amendment (SPA) 25-0034

Dear State Medicaid Director Connolly:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 25-0034. This amendment adds qualifications for certain providers of Mental Health Targeted Case Management services and updates outdated state plan language.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations at 42 CFR §440. This letter informs you that Minnesota's Medicaid SPA 25-0034 was approved on March 13, 2026, with an effective date of January 1, 2026.

Enclosed are copies of Form CMS-179 and approved SPA pages to be incorporated into the Minnesota State Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Porter at (312) 353-8310, or via email at Sandra.Porter@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Wendy E. Hill Petras, Acting Director
Division of Program Operations

Enclosures

cc: Patrick Hultman
Alexandra Zoellner
Leah Montgomery

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2 5 — 0 0 3 4

2. STATE

MN

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

XIX XXI

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

January 1, 2026

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

42 CFR § 440 and Title XIX of the Social Security Act

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 2026 \$ 0
b. FFY 2027 \$ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Supplement 1 to Attachment 3.1-A Page 7 (22-35), Page 10 (02-21)
Supplement 1 to Attachment 3.1-B Page 7 (22-35), Page 10 (02-21)

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

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9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Updates qualifications for providers of Mental Health Targeted Case Management

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

12. TYPED NAME
Patrick Hultman

13. TITLE
Deputy Medicaid Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED
12/24/2025

15. RETURN TO

Patrick Hultman
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16. DATE RECEIVED
12/24/2025

17. DATE APPROVED
3/13/2026

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
01/01/2026

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Wendy Hill Petras

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Acting Director, Division of Program Operations

22. REMARKS

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E. Qualifications of Providers: (continued)

1. **Case managers.** The following are considered case managers.
 - A. Mental health professionals as defined in item 6.d.A. and mental health practitioners as defined in item 13.d. of this attachment. Case management supervisors must also meet the criteria for mental health professionals.
 - B. Individuals who:
 - (1) are skilled in the process of identifying and assessing a wide range of client needs;
 - (2) are knowledgeable about local community resources and how to use those resources for the benefit of the client;
 - (3)
 - (a) hold a bachelor's degree in one of the behavioral sciences or related fields including, but not limited to, social work, psychology, or nursing from an accredited college or university, or
 - (b)
 - (1) have at least three or four years of experience as case manager associates;
 - (2) are registered nurses with a combination of specialized training in psychiatry and work experience consisting of community interaction and involvement or community, discharge planning in a mental health setting totaling three years; or
 - (3) qualified before July 1, 1999, as case managers under provisions covering Department recognition of individuals without bachelor's degrees who had 40 hours of approved training in case management skills and at least 6,000 hours of supervised experience in the delivery of mental health services;
 - (4) prior to direct service delivery, complete at least 80 hours of specific training on the characteristics and needs of children or adults with serious and persistent mental illness that is consistent with national practice standards or demonstrate competency in practice and knowledge of the characteristics and needs of adults with serious and persistent mental illness, consistent with national practice standards; and
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E. Qualifications of Providers: (continued)

- (b) ~~receive at least 40 hours of annual continuing education in mental illness or severe emotional disturbance, and mental health services annually, and according to the following schedule, based on years of service as a case management associate:~~
- ~~(i) at least 40 hours in the first year;~~
 - ~~(ii) at least 30 hours in the second year;~~
 - ~~(iii) at least 20 hours in the third year; and~~
 - ~~(iv) at least 20 hours in the fourth year; and~~
- (c) receive at least ~~five-four~~ hours of ~~mentoring supervision~~ per ~~week-month~~ from a case management ~~mentor-supervisor~~. For purposes of this item; "case management ~~mentor supervisor~~" means a qualified, practicing case manager or case management supervisor who teaches or advises and provides intensive training and clinical supervision to one or more case manager associates. Mentoring supervision may occur while providing direct services to clients in the office or in the field and may be provided to a case manager associate or to a group of case manager associates. At least two mentoring supervision hours per week must be individual and face-to-face.

3. **Others.**

An individual who is actively pursuing credits toward the completion of a bachelor's degree in one of the behavioral sciences or related field may act as a case manager if they otherwise meet all cultural, linguistic, training, and supervision requirements.

~~An immigrant who is neither a case manager nor a case manager associate may provide case management services to adult immigrants with serious and persistent mental illness or to children with severe emotional disturbance who are members of the same ethnic group if the immigrant:~~

- ~~A. is currently enrolled in and is actively pursuing credits toward the completion of a bachelor's degree in one of the behavioral sciences or a related field including, but not limited to, social work, psychology, or nursing from an accredited college or university;~~
- ~~B. completes 40 hours of training; and~~
- ~~C. for case management services to clients with serious and persistent mental illness, receives clinical supervision at least once a week until he or she becomes a case manager or case manager associate; or~~
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