

ACHHS Financial Services



Periodic Data Match (PDM)

	The Questions
When?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PDM was approved by MN Legislature in 2015.
Why?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is a requirement for DHS to conduct Periodic Data Matching where electronic data from the Data Hub is used to “project” eligibility for public programs
What is the purpose?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To identify public program enrollees who may have had a change to their program eligibility.
Who will this affect?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only enrollees of Medical Assistance (MA) and MinnesotaCare (MCRE) are subject to the PDM process.
How does it work?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each case is run through the Periodic Data Match process. If a discrepancy of income, Medicare enrollment or date of death is found, a PDM notice is sent to the enrollee. PDM does not redetermine eligibility. The Financial Worker must process all of these changes. The enrollee must contact their Financial Worker to provide either written or verbal proof of the discrepancy. If the reported change does not coincide with the Data Hub information the enrollee must provide verification of the change.

Where are we today?

Functionality for PDM has been a difficult process since 2015 due to the system issues in METS and coordination with the Data Hubs.

Although the system was not ready to take on this work and through much opposition from DHS and County Leadership throughout the state due to increased workloads, PDM was “turned on” for one month to do a field test.

Aitkin County’s METS Mentor, Jen Rikala, became the “PDM Assessor” for Region 3 to funnel trends, issues and information to the PDM Workgroup. This allowed Region 3 to be involved in the PDM process at the state level.

The cases selected for September PDM were sent a notice in July if a discrepancy was found. Closing notices were sent on 9/7/18 and the enrollees have until 9/30/18 to resolve the issue.

Statewide Numbers including MinnesotaCare:

63,935: Enrollees selected for PDM

6,659: Enrollees with discrepancies

10.4% of the enrollees were discrepant

As of right now, the PDM process throughout the state seems to be working better than anticipated. Notices seem to be the biggest problem discovered, which is a known METS issue.

There is not an anticipated date to “turn on” PDM permanently at this time.