

Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC Plus)

Information for Providers

MSC Plus is a Minnesota Health Care Program. It is a joint federally and state-funded program that provides medical services to low-income people throughout the state of Minnesota who are age 65 or older. UCare's service area consists of 54 counties in Minnesota.

MSC Plus benefits include primary and acute care, Medicare cost-sharing, drugs not covered under Medicare Part D, supplies, equipment, and therapies. Additionally, MSC Plus members have access to transportation, a home health aide, private duty nursing, skilled nurse visits, extensive personal care services, Elderly Waiver (EW) services, case management, home and community based services, and 180 days of nursing facility care.

Transition from Minnesota Senior Care (MSC) to MSC Plus

Until Dec. 31, 2008, MSC was offered in the seven-county metro area. Effective Jan. 1, 2009, counties that were MSC counties transitioned to MSC Plus counties; therefore, the MSC plan was eliminated.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for MSC Plus, a person must:

- Be 65 years of age or older.
- Be eligible for Medical Assistance.
- Live in the MSC Plus service area.

Co-pay information

The only co-pays in this plan are:

- Emergency Room visit when it is not an emergency – \$6
- Prescriptions*
 - Brand-name prescriptions – \$3
 - Generic prescriptions – \$1

**The most a member will have to pay in co-pays for prescriptions is \$7 per month. Co-pays will not be charged for some mental health drugs and most family planning drugs.*

Case management

UCare works with many health care providers to serve members who live at home or in a nursing home. When members enroll in the MSC Plus program, they choose a primary care clinic. After enrolling, members will be eligible for an initial health status and risk screening assessment. If members are getting home and community based services through the Elderly Waiver at the time they enroll, they will continue to get case management services through their county of residence or UCare designee.

If members reside in the community and are not getting home and community based services through the Elderly Waiver at the time of the enrollment, their first screening will include an assessment of their need for these services. If they are assessed as eligible for home and community based services under the Elderly Waiver, they will be referred on for case management services. UCare provides annual health and risk assessments for all members in the MSC Plus program. Those who are eligible for case management services will receive assistance in accessing services from their case manager. Members residing in nursing homes will be assessed annually for their ongoing placement needs.



Resources

Provider Assistance Center

612-676-3300 or 1-888-531-1493 (toll free)

Access UCare

Access UCare offers several features that help streamline business operations and provide quick access to valuable information. For example, you can use Access UCare to verify member eligibility, or check the status of a claim and/or referral/authorization. Now, registration is quick and easy with the new Access UCare Registration Form. For more information and to register, visit us at www.ucare.org/providers/pages/accessucare.aspx.

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On-site training

As a valued provider within the UCare network, you have a dedicated Network Services Coordinator. A Network Services Coordinator is assigned to your health system and/or geographic area. You can find out who the Coordinator is for your area and how he or she can help by visiting www.ucare.org/providers/Pages/NetworkServicesCoordinator.aspx.

Coding Consultant Service

UCare's Coding Consultant Service is available to providers for coding and billing issues. Coding questions can be sent via e-mail to codingconsultant@ucare.org.