

FACT SHEET | Plan for Health Care Eligibility Audits Going Forward

The Department of Human Services currently conducts two main types of audits for its public health care programs. Going forward we will conduct additional spot-check audits to track our progress throughout the year on how we are doing.

Upcoming Activity in Existing Audits

- DHS does two types of audits of eligibility for public health care programs:
 - PERM: The next round of PERM audits are underway and findings will be available next year. This audit looks at approximately 250 cases from Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare across calendar year 2016. It is conducted by federal auditors.
 - MEQC: These audits have been on hold by the federal government while PERM pilots have been running. In 2016 we will also be doing an MEQC audit to provide comprehensive coverage of eligibility for the MA program.
- DHS will distribute results from the Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) and Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control Audits (MEQC) audits to the legislature going forward.

Additional Audit Activities to Monitor Ongoing Improvement

DHS will conduct additional audits over the next year (longer if necessary) to measure for improvement in areas cited in the OLA audit, including:

- System reconciliation between the Minnesota Eligibility Technology System (METS) and MMIS to ensure accurate transfer of data.
- Spot audits focused on key areas:
 - Recently renewed cases
 - the 95 day eligibility rule,
 - income calculation,
 - error rate comparison between eligibility determinations made by METS versus county agencies,
 - program transfers,
 - notice timeliness