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Consumer Support Grant (CSG) compared to Community Directed Consumer Supports (CDCS)

	CSG (Consumer Support Grant)	CDCS (Consumer Directed Community Supports)
What is it?	Alternative funding stream from Medical Assistance (MA) for home-based care services: • Grants are designed to help individuals purchase services to help them stay safe and in their home • The program is voluntary to consumers and counties • Allows consumer flexibility to choose services appropriate to their specific needs	Alternative budget for waivered services: Are based on most recent developmental or long term care (LTC) screening Allows consumer flexibility to choose services appropriate to their specific needs
Who is eligible?	 Must meet all of the following conditions: Eligible for Medical Assistance Eligible to receive Home Health Aide (HHA), Personal Care Attendant (PCA), or Home Care Nursing (HCN) services Able to direct or have a representative direct care and supports Disability that requires ongoing care to live in the community Live in a home setting 	Individuals receiving waivered services, including: Brain Injury (BI) waiver Community Alternative Care (CAC) waiver Community Access Disability Inclusion (CADI) waiver Developmental Delay (DD) waiver
Exclusions	Receiving services through: • MA managed care (except Special Needs Basic Care (SNBC)) • Any waivered services • Family Support Grant (FSG) • Alternative care • MA home-care services such as Home Health Aide (HHA), Home Care Nursing (HCN), and Personal Care Attendant (PCA)	Receiving services through: • Hospital • Nursing home • Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)/ Developmental Delay (DD) • Foster care • Certified board and lodging • Assisted living • Other licensed or registered setting

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What is covered?	 Goods and services that: Relate to the disability Help keep the individual at home Are expenses greater than those of a person without a disability 	Services pertaining to the following four categories: • Personal assistance • Treatment and trainings • Environmental modifications (first \$5,000) • Self-direction support activities
Examples of covered services or categories	 Companionship services Chore services Family counseling Home or vehicle modification Nutrition services (home-delivered meals) Respite care HHA/PCN HCN services Specialized equipment Transportation Music, horse, and art therapy 	 Assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs), shopping, cleaning, help with finances, meals, transportation Private nursing or licensed practical nurse, therapies, behavioral support, special diet (require a prescription) Assistive technology, special clothing, home modifications, help with chores Advertising to find workers, liability insurance, hiring a case manager to monitor your services
Can parents provide PCA services?	Yes	Yes
What is my budget?	 Budget is calculated based on home care assessments and ratings for HHA, HCN, and PCA Matching federal funds are not available, so total amount is less than straight MA Approximately 20% goes to paying someone to receive funds from the state, and manage payroll Maximum amount is \$2,500 	 Budget is based on a state-set formula, and your most recent county evaluation. Amounts tend to be larger than CSG. You must be reassessed every year, to see if needs have changed. A third party (called a financial management service (FMS)) is required to receive funds from the state, and pay bills that are part of your plan
Making a plan	Work with case manager to develop a plan and determine how payments will be made (cash, voucher, or direct payments).	Budget and plan are made ahead of time, and must be approved to make sure they are addressing the consumer's basic health needs and are within the state and federal guidelines.
How to apply	 Contact your county office to see if they provide CSG option (note that not all counties provide CSG) Call tribal agency Call Disability Hub: (866)333-2466 or disabilityhubmn.org Visit DHS website: https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-5512-ENG 	 Contact your county office Call tribal agency Call Disability Hub: (866)333-2466 or disabilityhubmn.org Review CDCS consumer handbook: https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-4317-ENG