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Defining the Landscape of Care

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1. Eligibility

Medical Assistance – refugees who are parents or children will go onto MA.

- Must enroll in a managed care plan – may take 1-2 months and will be on fee-for-service MA until enrollment in a health plan
- Eligibility can go back 3 months from application
- Also may be eligible for cash assistance and food stamps

Refugee Medical Assistance – adults without children

- 8 months eligibility begins either on the date entering US or the date refugee status is granted
- Also eligible for cash assistance and food stamps
- People on RMA are not enrolled in managed care
- Exempt from 6 month renewals
- Health care services are paid at 100% federal share

Other Programs

If income and assets change or after 8 months on RMA – MinnesotaCare or GAMC may be available

1) Covered Services

2) Health Care Homes

3) Community clinics

- Nonprofit
- Tax exempt
- Established to provide services to low income, uninsured, high risk and special needs populations
- Employs staff that are familiar with cultural background of clients
- Charges on a sliding scale
- Does not restrict access or services because of a client's financial status or public assistance status and provides no-cost care as needed

4) Interpreters

- Coverage for sign and spoken language interpretation
- Providers must be on MDH roster effective 1/1/2011
- FFS – interpreters are paid by the clinic/provider

5) Transportation

- Access transportation services (ATS) – personal mileage, volunteer mileage, taxi . Meals and lodging reimbursement also available.
- Special Transportation Services (STS) – wheel chair and ambulatory transportation for those clients who, because of cognitive or physical disability, cannot safely get from inside their home to the desk of the provider
- Metro contract between MNET and MDH for transport for refugees before MA/RMA is effective