



What is *Mn*CHOICES ?

- A single, comprehensive assessment and support planning application
 - Determines eligibility for programs and services
 - Used for all ages and disability types
- A web-based application with off-line capability; does not require an internet connect; able to run rules at assessment to see eligibility determinations
- Policy rule-based application aligns rules, regulations, statute, etc.

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- Replaces 3 assessments:
 1. Developmental Disability Screening (DD)
 2. Long-Term Care Consultation (LTCC)
 3. Personal Care Assistance (PCA)
 4. Private Duty Nursing (PDN) – Future
- **Only certified assessors conduct MnCHOICES assessments**



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MnCHOICES County & Tribe Assurances

1. Perform administrative functions and activities
2. Provide access to assessment process
3. Assure an adequate number of certified assessors
4. Develop certified assessor multidisciplinary team
5. Conduct quality assurance and monitoring activities
6. Participate in Time Study payment methodology*

**Refer to 8/1/13 MnCHOICES Assurance for Counties and Tribes document*



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MnCHOICES & Certified Assessors

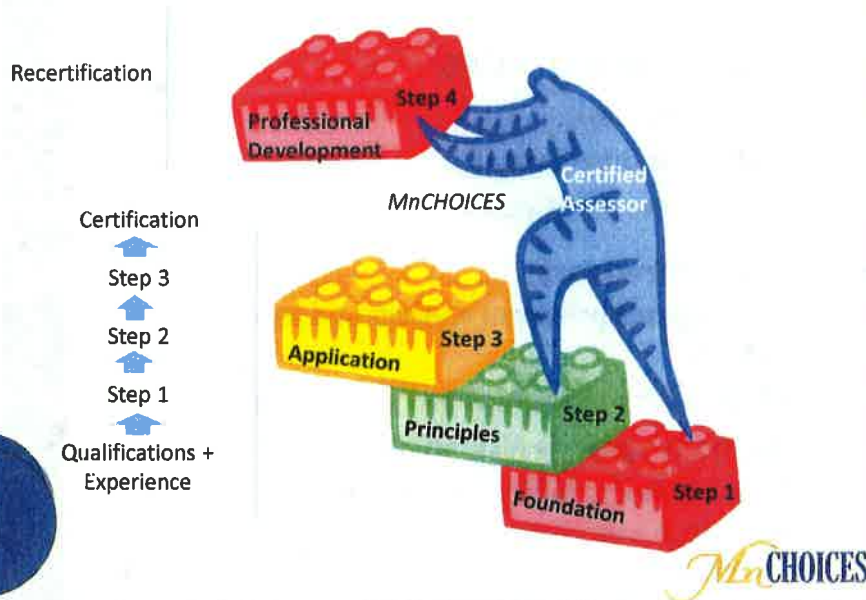
Certified Assessor qualifications and experience:

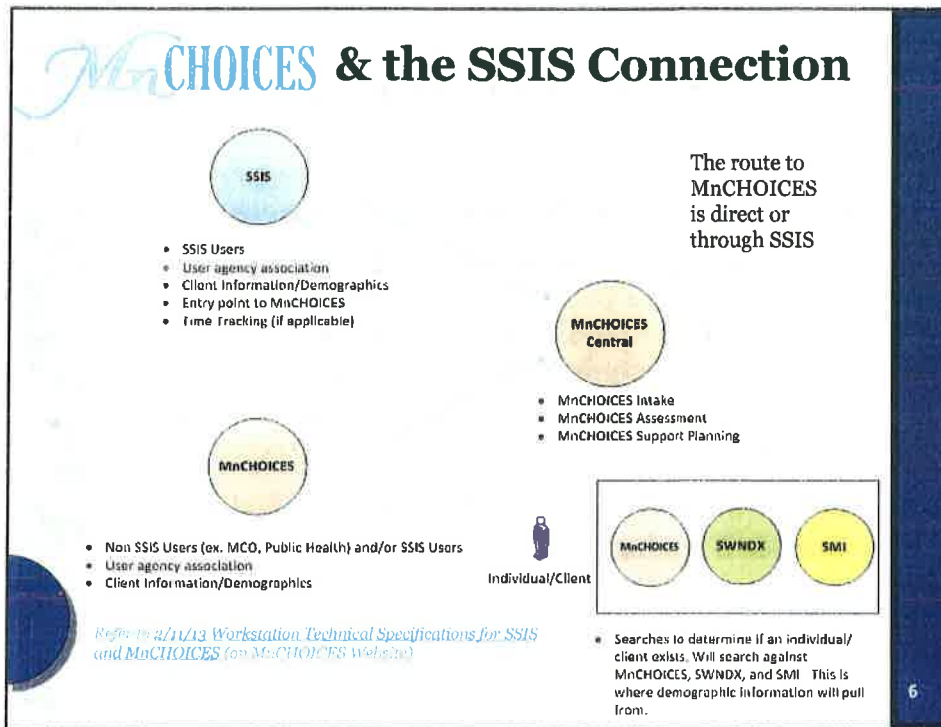
- A minimum of a bachelor's degree in social work, nursing with a public health certificate, or other closely-related field and at least one year of home- and community-based experience, or
- A two-year registered nursing degree with at least two years of home- and community-based experience
- Become certified with MnCHOICES Certified Assessor Training (MnCAT)

Refer to R/2013 MnCAT Course Update



MnCAT (Certified Assessor Training)





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Help Desk for MnCHOICES

- SSIS Help Desk
- DSD Response Center
- MMIS Resource Center

MnCHOICES Mentor

- Lead agency principal contact and resource person
- Liaison for communication and training
- Supports agency's MnCHOICES users
- Troubleshoots policy and technology questions and issues

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**MnCHOICES Launch
begins
November 4, 2013**



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MnCHOICES Launch Strategy

A Stepped Rollout*

- Launch begins **November 4, 2013**
- Lead agencies grouped at 2-10 week intervals
- Nine launch groups

- MnCHOICES launched statewide by **June 2014**

*Refer to 8/22/13 Memo re: Launch Groups



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MnCHOICES Launch Strategy Assessments

- Begin with assessments for persons not currently receiving long-term services and supports from programs and services for which MnCHOICES determines eligibility; “new” assessments
- “Reassessment” transition plan to be developed; re-determines eligibility for services and programs

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MnCHOICES Payment Changes

- **October 1, 2013** - Time Studies payment for counties and tribes begins
- Separates *administrative* activities from *service* of case management
- MnCHOICES processes are administrative activities
- Trainings by DHS Financial Operations Division
 - SSTS & LCTS – August 27, 2013
 - MATTS – September 9, 2013

Reference 7/21/13, DHS Memo re: Time study revision related to implementation of MnCHOICES - update #2

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