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Arc Greater Twin Cities Certified as Application Agent For State-Funded Health Care Programs

ST. PAUL – Metro area residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families can now apply more easily and quickly for state-funded health care programs with help from Arc Greater Twin Cities, which has been certified as a Minnesota Community Application Agent (MCAA) by the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS).

MCAA certification enables Arc to submit health care applications directly to DHS instead of going through the applicant's county of residence. This makes the application process faster and more efficient for families waiting for crucial health care coverage.

Arc can help people with both new applications and renewals for all health care programs funded by the state, including Medical Assistance (MA), TEFRA, Minnesota Care and General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC). Coverage is available not only to the person with a disability but also to their family members who live in the same household.

Individuals and families who would like help applying for health care coverage should go to Arc's web site at www.arcgreatertwincities.org and complete the brief "Ask an Advocate" form, or call Arc at (952) 920-0855.

Arc Greater Twin Cities is a nonprofit agency serving the many needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Established in 1946, Arc has been changing attitudes, changing policies and changing lives for more than 60 years. Arc helps individuals and families address issues that span the lifetime, including early intervention, education, transition to adulthood, health care, housing, employment, guardianship and more. For more information and volunteer opportunities, call Arc at (952) 920-0855 or visit www.arcgreatertwincities.org.

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