

System Transformation Update

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**Infant & Toddler
Connection of Virginia**

A NOTE ABOUT THIS UPDATE:

This Update is prepared by the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia State Team at DMHMRSAS and is reviewed for accuracy and thoroughness by our partners at DMAS and VDH. Updates will be issued on or about the 1st and 16th of each month.

FISCAL ISSUES:

- The materials from the May 2007 statewide teleconference call on Mental Health Targeted Case Management, which were referenced in the December 16, 2008 Update, have been posted to the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia website, www.infantva.org. These materials can be found by clicking on Information for Providers, then on Training Resources.

DATA SYSTEM:

- An ITOTS Stakeholder Group meeting has been scheduled for January 23, 2009 from 9:00 – 12:00.

MEDICAID-EI INITIATIVE:

- DMAS has recommended that the IFSP be used as the plan of care for Medicaid, without the need for individual provider treatment plans, and it appears that this can be accomplished with only minor revisions to the IFSP form and instructions. The IFSP stakeholder group will meet by phone on January 21, 2009 from 1:00 – 2:00 to discuss the minor changes necessary to use the IFSP as the Medicaid plan of care. Stakeholder group members received materials for this meeting on January 5th and will be seeking input from their constituency groups prior to the meeting.
- Development has begun on the online training modules that practitioners will need to complete in order to obtain EI certification. Timelines call for these modules to be rolled out one at a time beginning in February.
- A stakeholder group has provided input on the draft Early Intervention Core Competencies, and staff are in the process of making revisions based on that input. Virginia's Part C Comprehensive System for Personnel Development (CSPD) will be based on these competencies.
- DMAS and DMHMRSAS are working on the details of a Data Exchange Agreement that will authorize the exchange of child-specific data between the agencies. In order to reimburse providers for developmental therapy under EPSDT, DMAS must know from DMHMRSAS that the child is Part C eligible. In turn, DMAS will provide data to DMHMRSAS regarding Medicaid services delivered to these dually-enrolled children and the amount of reimbursement provided.

SERVICE PATHWAY:

The in-house practice manual group is reviewing stakeholder input in order to make revisions to the practice manual, identify any issues requiring broader stakeholder dialogue, finalize the written question and answer document from the November 3rd service pathway call, and prepare for the January 29th technical assistance call on eligibility determination.

FAMILY COST PARTICIPATION:

The Family Cost Participation stakeholder group met on December 18th to discuss the draft practices and fee scale options. Solutions, Inc. consultants are preparing follow-up materials and researching questions based on stakeholder input and questions from that meeting. Once that follow-up work is completed, the stakeholder group will meet a second time in order to finalize recommendations to the Part C Office on family cost share issues.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT (APR):

During the December 17th VICC meeting, data related to the APR was presented to the VICC. There also was discussion about improvement activities related to timely start of services and proposed revisions to state targets related to services in natural environments and the percent of the birth – three population served in Part C. Following the VICC meeting, the draft APR was sent to all VICC members and all local system managers and posted to our website, www.infant.va.org. All stakeholder input received was considered, and the APR was finalized during the first week of January. The APR is due to OSEP on February 2nd and will be submitted following review and approval within the Department.

STATEWIDE TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION SERIES:

The Part C Office will be presenting a series of informational teleconference calls in the coming months. These calls will provide updates on the various system transformation initiatives and/or deliver awareness-level training on new components of the system. Local system managers, local lead agency administrators, providers and families are welcomed and encouraged to participate in these calls. Please watch for more specific information about each call in future Updates and separate emails. The following teleconference calls have been scheduled:

- **Eligibility Determination: Getting Started** - January 29, 2009, 10:00 – 11:30