

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.

DATA SYSTEM:

- An ITOTS Stakeholder Group meeting was held on January 23, 2009 to get stakeholder input on plans for the expanded data system, including the practitioner database.
- The interagency agreement to acquire the Alaska data system has been signed by both Virginia and Alaska, and the Alaska database has been received by DMHMRSAS.
- ITOTS Version 1.5 has been completed and is being moved to the test environment so that it can be tested prior to release. This version will:
 - Facilitate outcome reporting for low birth weight and preterm infants in collaboration with the Health Department by adding low birth weight and very low birth weight details in the Risk Factors tab;
 - Correct age calculations in reports;
 - Change the export function to preserve leading zeroes in social security and third party payor ID numbers; and
 - Change the name of the “Number and Percent Open by Age” report to “Point in Time.”
- Development work continues on the practitioner database. DMHMRSAS has committed the resources necessary to have the practitioner database in place by the end of April.

MEDICAID-EI INITIATIVE:

- On January 21, 2009 the IFSP Stakeholder Group met to discuss the minor changes necessary to use the IFSP as the Medicaid plan of care. Brian Campbell, EPSDT Coordinator from the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS), participated in the call as well. The primary change needed on the IFSP form to meet Medicaid requirements will be to add treatment modalities to the outcome page. Stakeholder group members discussed how this would appear on the form and are reviewing a list of treatment modalities to include as examples in the IFSP instructions.
- Work continues in order to develop and produce the online training modules that practitioners will need to complete in order to obtain EI certification. This includes development of the website for the modules. Timelines call for these modules to be rolled out one at a time beginning in February.

- The written question and answer document from the November 19th statewide TA call on personnel requirements has been drafted and will be reviewed by DMAS prior to dissemination to ensure accuracy and consistency with documents being developed by DMAS. It is now expected that this document will be disseminated by mid-February.
- The Early Intervention Core Competencies have been revised based on stakeholder input and will be sent to all local systems and posted to our website, www.infantva.org, at the same time as the written question and answer document from the November 19th statewide TA call on personnel requirements.
- On January 23rd a call was held between the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), DMAS and DMHMRSAS regarding the draft State Plan Amendment that was submitted to CMS for input. DMAS will make revisions to the State Plan Amendment, with assistance from DMHMRSAS, based on CMS input and send the revised draft back to CMS for another review.
- DMHMRSAS and DMAS are collaboratively pursuing a number of options to have personnel regulations or an equivalent assurance of personnel qualifications in place by July 1, 2009.
- DMHMRSAS and DMAS will also be meeting to be sure we are in alignment with Managed Care (MCO) expectations regarding Part C certification requirements and process.

SERVICE PATHWAY:

- A statewide TA call on Eligibility Determination was held on January 29th. The purpose of the call was to provide:
 - An overview of the first six chapters of the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia Practice Manual, including changes and clarifications that have been made in response to feedback received during and following the November 3, 2008 service pathway call and input from the six local systems that reviewed the first draft of the practice manual. Examples were presented of how the process might flow given different child and family circumstances.
 - More specific information on implementing the referral, intake, eligibility determination and assessment for service planning steps of the service pathway for those local systems that wish to begin implementing those practices now.
- The talking points from the call have been posted to our website, www.infantva.org.
- Local systems wishing to move forward with implementing the practices in the first six chapters of the practice manual prior to July 1, 2009 must notify their technical assistance consultant no later than February 5, 2009.
- The portion of the written Question and Answer document from the Service Pathway call that addresses referral through assessment for service planning was disseminated on January 29th in conjunction with the TA call.
- Remaining sections of the Question and Answer document and remaining chapters of the practice manual will be shared with local systems once they have been revised based on feedback from the November 3rd call and from the local systems that reviewed the draft practice manual. A table of comments received from the systems that reviewed the draft manual along with responses and resulting changes will also

be shared with all local systems.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT (APR):

The APR was submitted to OSEP prior to the February 2nd due date.

STATEWIDE TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION SERIES:

There are no additional teleconference calls scheduled at this time.