

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.

GENERAL:

- Mary Ann Discenza and Brian Campbell (EPSDT Coordinator at the Department of Medical Assistance Services) will present an update on the Medicaid-EI Initiative and other system transformation efforts to the Intellectual Disabilities (ID) Council of the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards on March 3rd.

DATA SYSTEM:

- ITOTS version 1.5 has begun testing. Initial testing will be done by the state office to find any glaring problems. Following in-house testing, a group of ITOTS users will test version 1.5 in the test environment. Following testing, version 1.5 will be released. We anticipate having version 1.5 in production by April. Changes in ITOTS version 1.5 will:
 - Create the VISITS / Low Birth Weight / Premature Birth report; detail low and very low birth weight in the Risk Factors tab; and report outcome data on low birth weight and preterm infants and toddlers
 - Change age calculation in reports Children Open by Age, Child Status - List, Number and Percent of Open Children by Age, Table 1-A, Table 2-A, and possibly others
 - Re-label a report to "Number and Percent Open by Age (Point in Time Count)"
 - Change data export function (re: SSN & 3rd party coverage with lead 0's) so that SSN and Third Part Coverage ID preserve leading zeros
 - Upgrade the application from VS.NET 2003 to VS.NET 2005. Upgrade from .NET 1.1 to .NET 2.0
- Detailed technical design for ITOTS version 1.6 (Practitioner Certification) is almost complete. Additional IT staff has been hired to write the programming for version 1.6 and will begin working in early March. Changes for version 1.6 will include:
 - Implementation of master pages to create a consistent look and feel that looks much like the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia web site

- New way to maintain lookup table data for Central Office administrators
- New structure for local systems. Local Systems will be able to maintain more detailed information about their system in a centralized location
- On-line submission of certification applications by practitioners
- Import and review of practitioner's applications by the Part C office
- Certification Maintenance (certifications and requirements)

MEDICAID-EI INITIATIVE:

- DMAS, with input from DMHMRSAS, is working to finalizing the new billing codes for early intervention services under EPSDT.
- Work continues in order to develop and produce the online training modules that practitioners will need to complete in order to obtain EI certification.
- Data personnel from DMAS and DMHMRSAS will meet in March to discuss the technical aspects of the data exchanges that will be necessary in implementing the Medicaid-EI Initiative.

SERVICE PATHWAY:

- The Part C technical assistance consultants are working closely with the local systems that are moving forward with implementing the practices in the first six chapters of the practice manual.
- Work continues on revisions to the remaining chapters of the Practice Manual.

FAMILY COST PARTICIPATION:

- Due to a schedule conflict affecting a significant number of stakeholder group members, the Family Cost Participation Stakeholder Group meeting has been moved to March 17th, 1:00 – 2:00.

STATEWIDE TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION SERIES:

Two statewide teleconference calls have been scheduled to provide information on a variety of monitoring and supervision topics. Details will be forthcoming through an email to all local system managers. The dates and times for those calls are as follows:

- April 9, 2009, 10:00 – 11:30
- May 18, 2009, 1:00 – 2:30