

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## PART C FUNDS (INCLUDING STIMULUS FUNDS):

- The first half of Virginia's Part C ARRA funds, \$5,132,790, will be allocated to local systems as follows:
  - \$752,445 will be disseminated to 15 local systems that reported budget shortfalls during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2009. These funds will be disseminated in SFY 2009 to address the identified budget deficits. Any unspent funds may be carried over and spent through September 2011.
  - The remaining \$4,380,345 will be disseminated across all 39 local systems based on the local 2-year average child count. These funds will be allocated on July 1, 2009 and may be spent through September 2011.
- Virginia's "regular" Part C funds will be disseminated to local systems for SFY 2010 as follows:
  - 75% of the federal and state Part C funds designated for local allocation will be distributed to local systems based on the 2-year average child count.
  - The amount allocated to each local system for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the fiscal year will be based on local need as documented on the revised Expense/Revenue Reporting form. Since this will be the first time we are using this process, the Part C Office acknowledges that the information available on the reporting form at the end of the third quarter may or may not be sufficient by itself to document local need and will revise these allocation plans if needed to ensure local systems receive an appropriate share of the remaining federal and state Part C funds for the fourth quarter.

## IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE:

- The System Transformation Implementation Task Force met on May 8. This meeting focused on reimbursement issues including the following:
  - Changes in the Medicaid outpatient rehabilitation reimbursement system affecting the Part C system between July 1 – September 30, 2009;

- What Part C services will be billable to Medicaid beginning October 1, 2009:
- Early Intervention codes, units and limits under EPSDT;
- Medicaid provider application procedures; and
- Monthly reports that will be shared between DMHMRSAS and DMAS.

A draft of the new Part C Expense/Revenue Reporting form was also discussed. This form is designed to:

- Collect the service, expense and revenue data that must be reported annually to the General Assembly; and
  - Allow for a reconciliation process that ensures Part C funds are used as payor of last resort and available to those local systems where they are needed to reimburse for services not covered by any other revenue source.
- Notes from the meeting have been posted on the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia Website at <http://www.infantva.org/ovw-Transformation.htm#TaskForce>.
  - Future task force meetings are scheduled for May 20 and June 1.
  - A Family Cost Share Subgroup of the Implementation Task Force has been identified to address a number specific implementation issues that will facilitate consistency across local systems in determining the family's cost share. This subgroup will meet for the first time on May 21.

#### DATA SYSTEM:

- ITOTS version 1.5 has moved through testing with no issues or bugs. We are now working with VITA and hope to release the new version of ITOTS this month. All ITOTS users will be notified two days before the change.
- Work on the practitioner database is progressing. Some delays related to security for this database are putting the project behind schedule by about a week. The functionality of the database, the workings behind the scenes, is nearly complete. The server environment, which will house the actual database and its components, is being set up. We are looking to develop the capability within the practitioner database module for users to change their own password. If this is successful, that functionality will be included in a later release of ITOTS.

#### PERSONNEL:

- Since all practitioners will be completing the new online training modules over the summer in order to obtain initial EI certification, the requirement for new personnel to complete the existing *Orientation to Part C* module has been discontinued.

#### STATEWIDE TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION SERIES:

The second of two statewide teleconference calls has 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 date and time for that call is as follows:

- May 18, 2009, 1:00 – 2:30