

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.

IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE:

- The System Transformation Implementation Task Force met by teleconference on May 28 and June 3 to discuss revisions to the new budget, ARRA, and revenue-expense reporting forms. The final forms, with the exception of the form to be used for reporting by private providers, were disseminated to all local lead agencies with the local contract.
- The task force also held a meeting on June 1. Issues discussed at this meeting included the following:
 - Medicaid billing codes for early intervention services;
 - The application for practitioner certification;
 - Implementation of the standard early intervention rates; and
 - Medicaid Managed Care (MCO) issues.
- Notes from task force meetings are posted on the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia website at <http://www.infantva.org/ovw-Transformation.htm#TaskForce>.
- The next task force meeting is scheduled for June 26.
- The Family Cost Share Subgroup of the Implementation Task Force met on June 2 to continue discussing details needed in the family cost share practices to promote consistency in implementation across local systems. At this meeting, the subgroup focused on practices for:
 - Determining extraordinary expenses;
 - Dealing with high insurance deductibles; and
 - The process for a reconsideration of the family cost share when families are going to decline services due to cost, refuse to pay the monthly fee or get more than 60 days behind in paying the monthly fee.

The subgroup is meeting again on June 16. Minutes from all subgroup meetings will be posted on the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia website in the same section as the meeting notes from the Implementation Task Force (see website link above).

LOCAL CONTRACT:

- On June 11, all local lead agencies received an electronic copy of a Contract Extension Agreement for a 3-month extension of the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2009 Contract for Continuing Participation in Part C. This extension agreement covers the period of July 01, 2009 - September 30, 2009.
- This 3-month contract extension will be followed by a new contract that will be effective October 1, 2009 and reflect the new practices and requirements associated with our system transformation efforts.
- The 3-month extension includes date and timeline changes from the SFY 2009 contract, as well as additions to the contract related to fiscal reporting, personnel requirements, and monitoring and supervision. The most significant changes are to the fiscal reporting forms, including new American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) planning and funds reporting forms, Part C budget form and revenue/expense reporting forms.

EI MODULES:

- In order to obtain certification as an Early Intervention Professional, Early Intervention Specialist or Early Intervention Service Coordinator, practitioners must complete 4 online training modules:
 - Child Development,
 - Family-Centered Practices,
 - Service Pathway, and
 - Practitioner Requirements,All practitioners (except for physicians, audiologists and dietitians) will be required to complete the modules and submit credentialing applications to the Part C office by October 1, 2009.
- The first of these modules, Child Development, is now ready for use and can be accessed at <http://www.eitraining.vcu.edu>.
- A memo from Mary Ann Discenza was sent to all local system managers on June 4 with more information about these modules. The information from that memo should be widely disseminated to all early intervention practitioners.

DATA SYSTEM:

- The EICERT Version 1.0 (the practitioner database) has been completed and is awaiting the move onto a development server within our offices so that internal testing can begin. The Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) needs to complete items related to security, a Zip Code web service and email functionality before the move can be completed. Following internal testing and the move to a test server, we hope to begin user testing by late June.

OTHER:

- The ASQ (Ages and Stages Questionnaire) screening kits that were ordered for each local system are expected to arrive in the local systems around June 17.

STATEWIDE TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION SERIES:

- The statewide teleconference call that was originally scheduled for May 18 to provide information on a variety of monitoring and supervision topics has been re-scheduled for July 22, 10:00 – 11:30.
- A training session for system managers regarding the system transformation is being planned for August.
- Fiscal training related to the new revenue-expense reporting form and ARRA reporting requirements is being developed.