

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 DBHDS and 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 will meet on July 21 and July 27. Tentative agenda items for these meetings include the following:
 - Updates on regulations (Medicaid State Plan Amendment and DBHDS personnel regulations);
 - Components to be included in the DMAS EPSDT Manual;
 - Provider certification process; and
 - Training plans.
- 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 meeting of the Family Cost Share Subgroup of the Implementation Task Force that was scheduled for July 20 has been cancelled.

EI MODULES:

- Work continues to make the remaining 3 training modules available as soon as possible. The Supervision module is being piloted, the Service Pathway Module is with the web developer, and the Practitioner Requirements module is undergoing internal review in the Part C Office.
- Local system managers are asked to strongly encourage all practitioners to complete these training modules as they become available in order to avoid a last-minute rush to complete the certification requirements.
- The username, password and email that you use for the EI Modules are the mechanism to track you as an EI practitioner in the Part C system. Please do not create another account (for example, using your home e-mail address) if you cannot remember your information. The system cannot merge two accounts for the same person so you will not be able to access all of your certificates in one place, and you will be counted twice as a practitioner in the Part C database. If you forget your username or password, please call (540-943-6776) or email (cfhill@vcu.edu) Cori Hill, and she will assist you.

DATA SYSTEM:

- In-house testing of the practitioner database (EICERT) continues, external testing could begin within the next week.
- The user manual for EICERT has been developed.
- Testing of ITOTS Version 1.5 has been completed and that version is now in production. Changes in ITOTS version 1.5:
 - 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

STATEWIDE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

- The statewide teleconference call on a variety of monitoring and supervision topics will be held on **July 22, 10:00 – 11:30**.
- A training session for local system managers regarding the system transformation will take place on **August 24 – 25** in Staunton. A planning committee comprised of DBHDS, DMAS and local system representatives is working to develop the agenda and content for this training.
- One-day practitioner trainings on the Medicaid – EI Initiative have been scheduled for the following dates and locations:
 - **September 9** – Richmond
 - **September 11** – Fairfax
 - **September 18** – Richmond
 - **September 25** – Roanoke

Presented jointly by DMAS and DBHDS, these trainings will address covered services, billing, documentation, provider qualifications, and utilization review.

- Fiscal training related to the new revenue-expense reporting form and ARRA reporting requirements is being developed.