

System Transformation Update

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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 met on July 21 and July 27. Issues discussed at these meetings included the following:
 - Input on draft documents, including the Practitioner Application Manual and the DMAS Early Intervention Manual;
 - Data needs and data accuracy issues related to the Medicaid – EI Initiative;
 - Informing all audiences about the transformation, including development of fact sheets for providers, families and referral sources;
 - Development of an alert memo to notify local systems of important information and timelines to ensure a smooth implementation of the system transformation on October 1; and
 - Planning for the September Medicaid – EI Initiative trainings.
- Notes from task force meetings are posted on the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia website at <http://www.infantva.org/ovw-Transformation.htm#TaskForce>.

EI MODULES:

- The Supervision module is now available.
- Work continues, with a great deal of manpower being invested, to bring the Service Pathway and Practitioner Requirements modules live, in that order, as early in August as possible.
- As of July 24, over 600 users had registered for the modules.
- Local system managers are to request that all providers register **now** for the training modules and that they take the modules that are currently available.

PRACTICE MANUAL:

- The Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia Practice Manual has been posted to our website, www.infantva.org. The practice manual and official Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia forms are posted in a new section of the website called *Practice Manual and Forms*, which can be found by clicking on *Information for Providers* at the top of the home page. The direct link for the practice manual section is <http://www.infantva.org/Pr-PracticeManual-Forms.htm>.
- The posted practice manual and forms will be implemented statewide beginning October 1, 2009. No further revisions will be made prior to statewide implementation. It is important that local system managers and practitioners become familiar with the practice manual and new/revised forms now in order to be prepared for implementation on October 1.

EMERGENCY PERSONNEL REGULATIONS:

- The emergency regulations that will provide certification requirements for early intervention practitioners have been reviewed and approved by the Secretary of Health and Human Resources. The Governor's Office review is now in progress.
- You can check the status of these regulations at any time via the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall: <http://www.townhall.virginia.gov/L/ViewAction.cfm?actionid=3065>
- A note about public comment on the personnel regulations at the September 9th VICC meeting: There is not a process for public comment on the emergency regulations. Once the emergency regulations are signed by the Governor, they take effect immediately. The process for drafting final regulations will start after the Governor has signed the emergency regulations. Whether or not the Governor has authorized the Department to proceed with drafting final regulations before the September VICC meeting, the comments at that meeting will be incorporated into our consideration of regulatory action since we have identified the VICC meetings as a part of our public participatory process for our regulatory development process. After the Governor has authorized us to proceed, there will be a specified time frame to receive and respond to public comments on the proposed regulations and another opportunity for public comment before the regulations become final.

DATA SYSTEM:

- In-house and field testing of the practitioner database (EICERT) has resulted in some suggestions for improvement. Thanks to the testers who have taken their time to lend their expertise. These improvements are being incorporated and an updated version is planned for release in early August.
- Work continues on ITOTS 1.6. This version will implement:
 - Master pages;
 - A new way to maintain lookup table data and FIPS codes;

- Practitioners (application and information maintenance);
- Practitioner Certification (process applications for certification, audits, etc.); and
- Certification Maintenance (certifications and requirements).

STATEWIDE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

- 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 provider trainings on the Medicaid – EI Initiative will be held in 5 locations across the state in September. Presented jointly by DMAS and DBHDS, these trainings will address covered services, billing, documentation, provider qualifications, and utilization review. Locations and dates include:
 - **September 11 – Fairfax**
 - **September 18 – Richmond**
 - **September 22 – Abingdon**
 - **September 23 - Roanoke** (note change from previous Transition Update)

A **Tidewater** site will be added in place of the Richmond training that had been listed for Sept 9 in the last update. The date for the Tidewater training has not yet been set.
- Fiscal training related to the new revenue-expense reporting form and ARRA reporting requirements is being developed.