

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 October 19. Issues addressed included the following:
 - Provider enrollment status/concerns;
 - Child enrollment status;
 - Eligibility tracking by providers/concerns;
 - Future training topic suggestions; and
 - Appropriate state agency contacts and topics.
- 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 meeting of the Implementation Task Force will take place on December 7.
- **Reminder:** Although services will be covered beginning October 1, Medicaid reimbursement claims will be processed starting in November.
- **Reminder:** The EI reimbursement rates are per unit of service not per visit (e.g., the \$110 rate is per one hour of delivered service not per visit.).

DATA SYSTEM:

- ITOTS Version 1.7 is in testing and is expected to be released sometime between October 22 and October 28. This version includes:
 - Fix to referrals where referrals can be entered/edited with or without an evaluation date;
 - Fix to referrals where the Yes/No options for “Was the Child Evaluated” does not need to be selected. Currently, if you select one, you cannot deselect or clear out this field. We will be changing that in another release;
 - Fix to the report Table 2-B Settings by Race Ethnicity;
 - Fix to the Agencies screen for administrators. In version 1.6, some practitioners were not appearing in the list if one of them did not have a discipline selected;
 - The Early Intervention Eligible Children report will now display only those children for the current local system and includes the NPI/API for the local system;

- Fix to the Child Evaluation page so that the last third party coverage listed can be deleted without error; and
- Fix to child search screen so that an intermittent error does not appear regarding EnablePageEventValidation.
- DBHDS staff members are meeting today to prioritize enhancements to the ITOTS and EICERT applications. Soon after this meeting we will be resuming the ITOTS Expansion Project. We look forward to stakeholder participation in this exciting next phase of ITOTS.
- Over 900 practitioner certification applications were processed by October 2. Because of technical difficulties, this initial wave of certifications was processed by hand. DBHDS staff members are working to enter all of these hand-processed practitioner certifications into the ITOTS provider database and are processing new certification applications directly through the ITOTS database. As of October 16, the following certifications have been entered into the ITOTS provider database:
 - 631 EI Professionals
 - 36 EI Specialists
 - 223 EI Service Coordinators.

An additional 357 practitioner certification applications are still being entered and/or processed.

- DMAS currently has 81 provider agencies, including some individuals working independently, enrolled in EI.
- DBHDS and DMAS are still reconciling some of the recipient data but had entered 1,980 Part C eligible Medicaid recipients as of October 15. We continue to encounter data inaccuracies that are delaying the entry of child data into the DMAS data system. Accurate entry of child names and third party payor information into ITOTS at the local level is critical. The most common data errors are misspelled names, first and last names reversed, private insurance marked instead of Medicaid, and inaccurate Medicaid numbers. Without accurate information, children cannot be entered into the DMAS data system, a step that is necessary for Medicaid reimbursement. Local System Managers/providers should provide DBHDS the names, social security numbers (if available) and Medicaid numbers of children they believe should be enrolled, but who are not showing that benefit through ARS or MediCall.

OSEP VERIFICATION VISIT:

- Four representatives from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) spent three days, October 13 – 15, in Virginia for purposes of monitoring and verification. During that time, the OSEP representatives met with Part C and other DBHDS staff to review Virginia's procedures and data associated with General Supervision and Monitoring, Data System, and Fiscal.
- The feedback from the OSEP representatives was very positive in all three areas. We will receive a letter summarizing the findings from this visit no later than February.

- While on-site, but separate from the official verification process, OSEP also conducted a desk review of our procedures and accounting processes associated with use of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. Feedback was positive regarding these procedures and processes as well.

LOCAL CONTRACT:

- There is an error in Attachment D of the SFY-2010 Local Contract. Please correct your copy of Attachment D to reflect that the due date for “Child specific data that meet Individual Child Data Form elements” must be in accordance with contract deliverable 3.1.2 - as children enter (within 10 business days of the IFSP date) and exit the local Part C system (within 10 business days of discharge). Please note that there is no longer a grace period associated with entry of child-specific data.

FUTURE SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION UPDATES:

- System Transformation Updates will be disseminated on the following dates:
 - **November 2**
 - **December 1**
 - **March 1** - as we finish the first 6 months of implementation
 - **One more date, to be determined** - to report on any state response to and changes based on local feedback after the first 6 months of implementation
- We will resume dissemination of a Technical Assistance Update, like those that were available every other month before the System Transformation Updates began. The Technical Assistance Update will now be developed and sent out monthly. Watch for the Technical Assistance Update on the 16th of each month, beginning in November.