

System Transformation Update

March 1, 2010



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.

IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE:

- The Implementation Task Force met on February 9, 2010.
- 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 March 23, 2010.

LOCAL INPUT ON PRACTICE MANUAL AND FORMS:

- When we began implementation of the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia Practice Manual and forms on October 1, 2009 it was with the understanding that these would be considered working documents for the first 6 months. As we approach the end of that 6-month period, the Part C Office is seeking feedback on both the manual and the forms. Based on your experience using these documents, please help us identify any sections/forms that need clarification in order to ensure consistent and accurate implementation. Please note the following when submitting your input:
 - Feedback must be submitted using the attached form only. Concisely-worded input is appreciated!
 - The form must be submitted no later than March 30th.
 - Please submit your form to Kyla Patterson at kyla@alumni.duke.edu.
- This opportunity to provide feedback on the practice manual and forms is also our mechanism for soliciting and considering input on the family cost share practices in Chapter 11 and related forms since this will allow us to receive direct input from all local systems and providers. We do not plan to reconvene the stakeholder group.
- All feedback received will be considered fully by the Part C staff and the manual and forms will be revised, as needed. We anticipate that the final documents, reflecting these revisions, will be available to local systems and providers through our website by April 30. We will notify you once these revised documents are posted to the website.

- In addition, revisions to the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia Practice Manual will be coordinated with revisions to the DMAS Early Intervention Services Manual to ensure consistency.

DATA SYSTEM:

- Development of ITOTS 1.8 continues and we hope to begin testing in April. This version will:
 - Add “Was child determined eligible?” to allow for earlier enrollment in the Medicaid EI benefit for dually enrolled children;
 - Reset password answers for EICERT users;
 - Add “Unknown” as a race/ethnicity and enforce that this value cannot be used after a child’s eligibility is determined;
 - Enable de-selection of Yes or No for the “Was Child Evaluated” option;
 - Correct the Child Progress Report (Entry to Exit Comparison);
 - Create reports for children dually eligible for Medicaid/FAMIS and early intervention that have not been enrolled in VAMMIS, Certification Count by Discipline, Record Review Preparation and Practitioner Certification Audit;
 - Fix Child Evaluation page so that when the screen opens, mitigating circumstances is enabled when the IFSP is at least 45 days from the referral date;
 - Modify the Practitioner Listing by Discipline report;
 - Correct the OSEP Report, Children Open By Age, so it returns the correct count; and
 - Add Notes to Third Party Coverage to allow Central Office staff to record any issues with Medicaid enrollment.
- A web-ex was held on February 16 to provide ITOTS Stakeholder Group members and local system managers with a demonstration of the data system solutions under consideration for the ITOTS expansion.
- The internal (DBHDS) ITOTS Expansion Project Team continues to meet twice a week to work on the ITOTS Expansion Project. Development of the requirements for the expansion has been fast-tracked and is targeted for completion by April 1. At that point, the requirements will be compared to the possible data system solutions to determine the best choice.
- The ITOTS Stakeholder group will meet on March 19 to review the work of the ITOTS Expansion Project Team and provide input on a number of questions identified by that team.

FUTURE SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION UPDATES:

- There will be one more System Transformation Update, disseminated on May 3, to report on any state response to and changes based on local feedback received after the first 6 months of implementation.