



SSIS Update



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Social Services Information System

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Five counties pilot Version 5.1

SSIS Version 5.1 pilot kicked off this week within five pilot counties and the DHS Adoptions Unit.

Anoka, Hennepin, McLeod, Ramsey, and Washington Counties will pilot streamlined adoption submission screens. DHS Adoptions staff will use a specifically tailored SSIS application for processing the data for state-related purposes and also for adoption assistance payments management.

Version 5.1 also provides claims resubmission and finalize functionality and CMHRS. SSIS thanks the pilot counties and DHS Adoptions Unit for their participation and commitment to this pilot.

Upload Update

The June upload is due on June 30. This upload is a general upload of information for statewide research and reporting.

EOT conducts quarterly BEARS test

The Enterprise Operations Team (EOT) completed its second 2008 test run of the Bjorn Emergency Assistance Recovery Server (BEARS) system with a test recovery at Olmsted County. Eloyes Lindahl and Greg Doyle successfully recovered Olmsted's SSIS data from a backup tape made the night before.

BEARS is a self-contained mobile system used to respond to a disaster. The SSIS database contained in the tape backup is all that is needed to recover the county's SSIS data. Because BEARS uses the most recent backup tape for the most current data, it is critical to regularly move backup tapes to a safe and accessible off-site location.

The EOT conducts quarterly verification tests to confirm that the system functions well as SSIS evolves.

CountyLink Additions & Updates

- ◆ Worker Mentor lists: Primary, Alternate, MPAC regional contacts
- ◆ Ref 237: Quarterly Image of SSIS Server, IBM xSeries 237
- ◆ Ref. 3502: Quarterly Image of SSIS Server, IBM xSeries 3502
- ◆ COA Maximums Spec
- ◆ Health Care Claiming: *Design Spec*

State passes AFCARS for March 2008

Minnesota passed the AFCARS reporting compliance checks for the first semester of 2008.

Our biggest challenges for foster care reporting remain:

- ◆ Timely entry of discharges onto SSIS (within 60 days of the discharge) - 7.39% were late; and
- ◆ Entry of periodic reviews - 4.94% were missing for children in care more than seven months.

For adoptions, the biggest challenge is in getting complete information on termination of parental rights, specifically the date of the father's termination where 7.73% were missing.

We appreciate the efforts county staff have made to improve these numbers. SSIS encourages every agency to stay on top of the data entry that is used for computing our child welfare outcomes for the Child and Family Services Reviews.

Mentor-abilia: Upcoming meetings

Worker Mentors
Tuesday, July 29
 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 St. Cloud Holiday Inn

Fiscal Mentors
Wednesday, July 30
 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 St. Cloud Holiday Inn