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SSIS in CountyLink

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Social Services Information System

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Fiscal Focus

IFSpi/SSIS interface

TriMin is transitioning IFS (Integrated Financial System), used by 75 counties, to a platform-independent application. This new IFSpi application is now in beta testing.

SSIS currently has interfaces with IFS for vendors and payments. The actual SSIS interface processes are unchanged except for the setup of the identifiers needed to communicate with the new IFSpi. *Non-IFS counties will not need to make any changes to their interfaces as a result of the implementation of IFSpi.*

Because our priority is the continued successful interface between SSIS and IFSpi, SSIS participated with TriMin onsite in the successful interface testing on the AS400 and SQL Server platforms in two IFSpi pilot counties – Carver and Otter Tail.

However, SSIS cannot be present for each county's transition to IFSpi and we lack the resources (staff, hardware and software) to test IFSpi internally. TriMin will handle the conversion to IFSpi and verify that the interfaces are successful. Most installations will be done remotely.

SSIS will:

- ✓ Create an SSIS Interface Checklist for county use in transition to IFSpi interfaces. (done)
- ✓ Post Checklists for AS/400 and SQL Server platforms on SSIS website. (done)
Click here for: [AS/400 checklist](#)
[SQL Server checklist](#)
- ✓ Continue to process data to and from the interface intermediate tables. (successfully piloted)

TriMin will:

- ✓ Distribute the SSIS Interface Checklist to counties.
- ✓ Ensure that the Social Services Coordinator gets the Checklist and related information.
- ✓ Ensure that counties have the needed staff available for interface setup and verification.
- ✓ Verify the county has completed steps 1 – 4 of the Checklist prior to conversion.
- ✓ Set up interface user ids and passwords for each county.
- ✓ Ensure that counties follow the Checklist steps.
- ✓ Process IFSpi data from and to the interface intermediate tables.

Whom do you contact with problems?

Counties should **contact SSIS** when problems occur with:

Payment entry
Payment Batch submission related to SSIS tables
Vendor information in SSIS
Issues with entering interface information in SSIS Admin or SSIS Server.

Counties should **contact TriMin** when problems occur with:

Processing Payments in IFSpi
Batch Status update issues
Payment Confirmation update issues
Vendor entry and processes in IFSpi; vendor import problems not related to SSIS tables
AS400 and SQL Server issues.

NOTE: Please also contact TriMin with questions about the county implementation schedule for IFSpi.

CountyLink Updates_____

- ♦ MPAC meeting minutes, 9/15/09
- ♦ HINT: Completing the DOC Assessment Screen
- ♦ Worker mentor Welcome Packet
- ♦ Additional Fiscal Mentor Meeting handouts

Upload Update_____

The October 30 upload is for the **AFCARS** reporting period that starts April 1 and ends September 30.

Worker Focus**Complete entry of social worker contact data**

Every Child. Every Month.

Social work staff must review their contact/activity entries to ensure that ALL monthly, face-to-face visits with ALL children in foster care are correctly entered. Minnesota has made steady improvements in meeting monthly visit requirements, but it needs more and consistent efforts to reach the 90% goal.

The November upload will be used to complete the quarterly statewide performance report and the annual report to the federal government for federal fiscal year 2009 (10/1/08 to 9/30/09).

Thank you for all your efforts on behalf of Minnesota's children.