



# SSIS Fiscal Flyer

Winging Toward Integration

Issue 52

Social Services Information System

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## DHS issues changes to the BRASS Manual for calendar year 2008-2009

DHS Bulletin #07-32-17, dated December 3, 2007, includes several changes that will be included in SSIS. The updates will be made in V4.4 CW-TCM in the statewide distribution targeted for mid-December. The *Bulletin* will soon be posted to CountyLink.

### Two BRASS codes will end on 12/31/2007:

- 417 – Child transportation (will be combined with 416)
- 475 – Child acute care hospital inpatient (will be combined with 473)

### Seven BRASS codes will have new descriptions as of 01/01/2008:

- 194 – Relocation Service Coordination (RSC) – Targeted Case Management
- 416 – Transportation
- 472 – State-operated inpatient
- 473 – Acute care hospital inpatient
- 505 – DD screening
- 627 – Assisted living/customized living/residential care
- 694 – Relocation Service Coordination (RSC) – Targeted Case Management

### Six new BRASS codes will become effective on 01/01/2008:

- 147 – Independent living skills
- 410 – Child level of care determination
- 439 – Child mental health behavior aide services
- 440 – Direction of child mental health behavioral aides
- 466 – Mental health therapeutic preschool program
- 647 – Independent living skills

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## SSIS Frequently-Called Phone Numbers

Main Line 651-431-4800 Help Line 651-431-4801

Fax 651-431-7521 [ssishelp@state.mn.us](mailto:ssishelp@state.mn.us)

## Version 4.4 CW-TCM package release scheduled for week of December 10

The V4.4 release includes changes to IV-E Abstract Report and to the TCM CSR report as well as the CW-TCM claim category. Please check the Release Notes for this version when they are sent out for more detail on the changes.

Counties have asked why SSIS is releasing CW-TCM in light of the interim final proposed federal rule that basically abolishes the program effective March 3, 2008. <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/07-5903.pdf>

There are two reasons why SSIS chose to release CW/TCM statewide:

1. CSIS can no longer claim CW-TCM as of 1/2/08, so CSIS counties would not be able to claim December, January, or February time, nor any time for the previous 12 months unless they can use SSIS.
2. It is already programmed, tested and working. Also, SSIS will need to do some analysis before pulling CW-TCM out of the application to ensure that removing it does not break something else in the application (TCM CSR report, claiming proofing, etc.).

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**Four HCPC codes will be claimable for new BRASS services 147/647 starting on 01/01/2008:**

- H2032 ILS maintenance, which will be claimable for SSIS Activity 45 – Maintenance.
- H2032/H2 ILS group therapy, which will be claimable for SSIS Activity 44 – Group therapy.
- H203/TF ILS counseling, which will be claimable for SSIS Activity 11 – Counseling.
- H2032/TG ILS Individual therapy, which will be claimable for SSIS Activity 43 – Individual therapy.

These four ILS HCPC codes are currently claimable for staff activity time entry for services 118/618 (*Health-related services*), 155/655 (*Individual counseling*), or 156/656 (*Group counseling*), but after 12/31/2007 the four ILS claimable activities will not be available for these

services. In addition, these services should no longer be selected for ILS service agreements or payments for service dates after 12/31/07; the new ILS services 147 and 647 should be selected instead.

**Two HCPC codes will be claimable for service agreements and payments for new BRASS service 439 starting on 01/01/2008:**

- H2019/HM/UA Therapeutic behavioral services – Level II MHBA.
- H2019/UA Therapeutic behavioral services – Level I MHBA.

**One HCPC code will be claimable for service agreements and payments for new BRASS service 440 starting on 01/01/2008:**

- H2019/HE/UA Therapeutic behavioral services – Direction of MHBA.

These final MH procedure codes will not be claimable for staff activity time entry in SSIS; they are in the “Not automated” claim category.

***January mentor meetings use VPC***

<b>Fiscal Mentors</b>	<b>Worker Mentors</b>
<i>January 29</i>	<i>January 28</i>
<i>9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.</i>	<i>9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.</i>

An agenda and list of 23 VPC sites will be emailed in late December. Registration on TrainLink will be required. Any site with zero registrations by January 25, 2008, will be cancelled.

The maximum number of sites are selected on a rotating basis and based on availability. No additional sites may be added.

**Version 5.0 pilot begins**

The Version 5.0 pilot installation took place on November 27. Scott and Washington Counties are V5.0 pilots with Hennepin County joining the pilot process on January 2.

## **Notify SSIS of software/hardware changes in the county**

Please contact the SSIS Help Desk before your county makes any major changes such as:

- Replacing your current county accounting system
- Combining general ledgers in your county accounting system
- Installing a new AS/400 or other hardware in your county when SSIS interfaces with that hardware

Or if you experience any issues with any SSIS interfaces. For example:

- Payment batches with a status of Submitted even though checks have been processed from your County Accounting System
- Missing or incorrect Payment Confirmation data

- After submitting your batch to your county accounting system, you have an issue within that system. If you are an IFS county, contact Tri Min Systems.
- Interfaces to county accounting system, MMIS/MN-ITS, MAXIS, etc. are not running on a regular basis or have numerous error messages.

SSIS will work with county program and technical staff to ensure that the transition to the new software and hardware goes smoothly and that interface problems are resolved in a manner that maintains data integrity for both systems. Your county may encounter major data cleanup issues or loss of data when hardware and software transitions or interface issues are not coordinated with SSIS.

### **CountyLink Additions**\_\_\_\_\_

The following web documents were recently posted:

- ◆ Fiscal Glossary of Terms  
– *updated*
- ◆ Training Database Calendar
- ◆ Project Update #251, 11/30/07
- ◆ Implementation Memo #79,  
V5.0 Release Training Schedule
- ◆ Health Care Claiming Requirements spec—*updated*

### **Child care case management time reporting eliminates duplication**

Effective January 1, 2008, BRASS service 293-*Child Care Case Management* will not require a workgroup in SSIS Staff Activity. SSIS is making this change so that counties can report this time without having to duplicate enter their Child Care workgroups in SSIS as well as MEC<sup>2</sup>. MEC<sup>2</sup> will not include time reporting. This child care case management time is needed for the SEAGR report.

Because CSIS will no longer import time with activity dates after 1/1/08, changing SSIS will not cause any problems with the time import process.

*Note:* If Child Care Case Management time is included in the Income Maintenance time study, do not also record this time in SSIS.