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Extension of moratorium on federal case management regulation

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed into law H.R.1 / Public Law 111-5 The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill). The bill includes a number of significant healthcare-related provisions, including extending the moratorium on Medicaid regulations for targeted case management through June 30, 2009. Here's the language:

SEC. 5003. EXTENSION OF MORATORIA ON CERTAIN MEDICAID FINAL REGULATIONS.

- (a) Final Regulations Relating to Optional Case Management Services and Allowable Provider Taxes- Section 7001(a)(3) (A) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110-252) is amended by striking 'April 1, 2009' and inserting 'July 1, 2009'.

SSIS will remove the CW-TCM claiming end date of March 31, 2009 and distribute an update to counties before the end of April 2009 so counties are able to continue billing for April CW-TCM services.

The end dates for the following HCPCS/Modifier combinations will also be removed:

- ◆ T2023 with a U3 modifier - CW-TCM, face to face contact
- ◆ T2023 with U3 and U 4 modifiers – CW-TCM, telephone contact.

NOTE: MMIS does not have an end date in their system for CW-TCM claiming so no changes are required for counties and tribes to continue submission of CW-TCM claims.

Upload Update

The next upload is due on April 30. This upload is for the AFCARS reporting period (October 1 of the previous calendar year - March 31).

SSIS launches content on DHS-SIR

SSIS and the Child Safety and Permanency Division will launch two DHS-SIR pages on Friday, May 1. The DHS Systems Information Repository (SIR) provides system announcements, targeted links and content. This site for county/tribal staff is secure and password protected.

The first page will include SSIS operations announcements such as SWNDX outage notices, installation schedules, and other related information. Operations information will continue to be emailed to agency contacts; as a backup, the same information will be available on SIR. SSIS will continue posting training materials, mentor information, support documentation, software specs and more on CountyLink. The SIR page will link to CountyLink for quick access.

On the second page, the Child Safety and Permanency Division will post recorded VPC sessions about the Safety Focused Parent Partnerships/Signs of Safety Child Protection Model coordinated by Terry Besaw. Handouts and PowerPoint presentations will accompany these posted training sessions on the "SOS" page. All interested county staff are invited to access these options for learning and support.

Because DHS-SIR is a password-protected site, it is necessary for interested users to request access. Please submit password requests to Dan Judd at daniel.judd@state.mn.us by Friday, April 17. Include your name, phone, number, and agency name in the request. **There is no need to register if you already have a SIR password.** A SIR launch date will be confirmed in future *SSIS Update* and *Fiscal Flyer* newsletters.

Coming Soon: Training needs assessment survey

The Child Safety and Permanency Division (CSP), through the Training Unit and SSIS, will conduct periodic electronic training needs assessments (TNA) to ensure that training continues to meet your agency staff's needs. The first electronic survey will be sent to you soon. We request that you complete the survey within five business days.

Purpose

The CSP Division is developing a new curriculum titled "Child Welfare Foundation Training" (CWFT). Curriculum integrates the current Social Worker CORE training and SSIS New Worker Training. Trainees will be new child protection workers who, by statute, must attend child protection policy and statute training.

Because implementing CWFT may change the current SSIS New Worker Training content, CSP also needs to evaluate the training needs of new SSIS users who will **not** attend CWFT. This survey will guide CSP's decisions about those changes.

How will this information be gathered?

An electronic TNA will be sent to Worker and Fiscal Coordinators and Worker and Fiscal Mentors. Responses to the questions will help us assess SSIS training needs for your agency's non-child protection staff.

Who completes the survey?

We request that one coordinator (either Worker or Fiscal) from each agency coordinate with other staff (mentors, trainers, and/or supervisors) to compile the information and submit the survey. It is important that the questions are discussed with key agency staff to ensure accurate information. The survey is not anonymous since we are looking for specific agency feedback. We will follow up with any agency not completing the survey. Our goal is 100% participation.

Questions:

Contact Maureen Zinda at maureen.zinda@state.mn.us or call 651-431-4791. *Thank you for your participation!*

CountyLink Updates _____

- ◆ General SSIS Fiscal Spec
- ◆ MA Claims Eligibility Spec
- ◆ Health care Claiming Spec—Design
- ◆ Health care Claiming Spec—Requirements
- ◆ Health care Claiming Spec—Appendices
- ◆ Payments Spec—Design
- ◆ Service Arrangement Spec—Design
- ◆ Mentor Meeting HINTS: Centralized Training Database and SSIS web pages on CountyLink
- ◆ MPAC Regional Contacts
- ◆ Worker mentor meeting minutes, 3/4/09
- ◆ Worker MPAC minutes, 3/17/09
- ◆ Implementation Memo #91: Tools for Management course, 5/8/09
- ◆ Fiscal Advisory Committee materials, 2/11/09

Joint Worker & Fiscal Mentor Meeting May 19, 2009

St. Cloud Holiday Inn
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Worker and Fiscal mentors are invited to a combined meeting on May 19. The agenda will be e-mailed to mentors and posted on both the Worker and Fiscal mentor web pages by April 19. Register on [TrainLink](#).