

SSIS Partnership Meeting 8/26/09

SSIS/IFSPI Interface Update

TriMin is transitioning IFS (Integrated Financial System), used by 75 counties, to a platform independent application. This new application, IFSpi, 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 implementation of IFSpi.*

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

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 be handling the conversion to IFSpi and will be responsible for verifying 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 Checklist on SSIS website (done)
- 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.
- Setup 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