

SSIS Progress on Northstar Care for Children

SSIS Worker Mentor Meeting
December 11, 2013

Minnesota Assessment of Parenting for Children and Youth (MAPCY)

- ▶ MAPCY is in SSIS Version 13.4 because of the field test structured by Child Safety and Permanency (CSP) policy staff.
- ▶ Assess MAPCY and Approve MAPCY permissions need to be assigned for designated staff at agencies participating in the field test.
- ▶ Recommendation for non-field test agencies: Do not extend permission to complete or approve the MAPCY to staff at this time.

MAPCY, continued

- ▶ There will be changes made based on the Field Test and subsequent training available in late 2014, and our experience from the two prior tests is that training is key to successfully using the MAPCY.
- ▶ Extraordinary levels are not in the 13.4 Version of MAPCY.
- ▶ Requirements for extraordinary levels are currently being gathered.
- ▶ MAPCY will be further revised for Version 14.4 based on results/feedback of field test.

Relative Custody Assistance Report

- ▶ The relative custody assistance report is currently under development for release in SSIS Version 14.2.
- ▶ This report is being created because of the need for more detail and standardization regarding relative custody assistance payments as part of fiscal reconciliation process under Northstar Care for Children.
- ▶ More information will be forthcoming from SSIS Fiscal staff.

Fiscal Reconciliation Process

- ▶ Requirements gathering for the fiscal reconciliation process mandated by Northstar Care for Children is underway.
- ▶ The interface to fiscal reconciliation process must be completed in time to submit the first report, which will likely be due on April 20, 2015.

Other Fiscal Changes

- ▶ Changes to the Payment and Service Arrangement modules must be accomplished by version 14.4, in early December 2014.
- ▶ Changes to the Title IV–E Abstract Report must be completed in time to submit the 1st quarter 2015 report, which is due on April 20, 2015.

SSIS Adoptions

- ▶ SSIS Adoptions, used by state staff at DHS, will be expanded to include administration of Northstar Kinship Assistance, which will replace the existing Relative Custody Assistance Program.
- ▶ SSIS Adoptions will continue to administer the legacy Adoption Assistance Program and incorporate changes needed for administration of Northstar Adoption Assistance.

SSIS Adoptions, continued

- ▶ Requirements gathering for these changes is currently underway.
- ▶ SSIS and policy staff are looking to improve functionality and efficiencies for state staff, as well as local agency staff (county and tribal), and families.

SSIS Worker

- ▶ Plan is to implement new eligibility determination process for Northstar Adoption Assistance and Northstar Kinship Assistance.
- ▶ We are also working on creating an indicator to track the program for a specific child (for example, Northstar Foster Care).
- ▶ Requirements gathering is currently underway on both of these items.

Questions?

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