

What's New in SSIS Version 13.4?

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Highlights:

MAPCY

The new Northstar Care for Children program includes a requirement for a standard assessment tool for evaluating the required level of care for a child or youth in foster care placement. The Minnesota Assessment of Parenting for Children and Youth (MAPCY) was developed over several years by foster care and Title IV-E program staff in collaboration with DHS Financial Operations Division (FOD) and county fiscal staff and field tested by fifteen local agencies. Designing and implementing the MAPCY tool within SSIS Worker is the primary effort among the changes needed for SSIS Worker to implement Northstar Care for Children. New security functions of "Assess MAPCY" or "Approve MAPCY" must be added to a user's security role in order to access this new tool.

For county and tribal agencies participating in the Phase 3 MAPCY Field Test, you will need to grant permissions to your assessors and approvers according to the list that your Field Test Coordinator submitted to the Northstar policy team in the Child Safety and Permanency Division. Grant permissions according to the columns checked – assessors get permission to complete the MAPCY, approvers to approve. Approvers may be granted assessor permission as well, although they cannot approve their own assessments. As you know, all assessors and approvers must participate in the four-part MAPCY training. All assessors and approvers are required to complete their reliability cases (provided at the time) in SSIS right after the third training on December 9.

For agencies that are **not** part of the MAPCY Field Test, the department recommends that you not extend permission to complete the MAPCY to staff. 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. If, despite this recommendation an agency not in the Field Test decides to test the MAPCY capability in SSIS, then the department recommends that you don't grant any staff permission to approve the MAPCY; this will ensure that any completed assessments remain in draft status.

Healthcare Claiming Exclusions

Exclusions are a new feature in Healthcare Claiming to mark Time Records and Payments so they are excluded from the Healthcare Claiming generating and proofing processes. A claim will not be generated for a record with an Exclusion. Healthcare Claiming Proofing tabs include a checkbox to display Time Records or Payments with Exclusions.

In proofing, only the Exclusion message displays under most circumstances, however, there are two exceptions:

- If the client also has a Do Not Claim entered, then both the Exclusion and Do Not claim messages display.
- If the proofing message is "2016 – Original Payment for a Modification already claimed" and an exclusion has been entered, only proofing message 2016 displays.

An Exclusions tab will display on a Payment or Time Record when an Exclusion has been entered. Exclusions for Payments are available anywhere payments can be accessed.

Exclusions for Time Records are available from:

- Healthcare Claim Time Proofing
- Time Records tab on Healthcare Claims anywhere the claim can be accessed.
- Time Exclusion Search
- Exclusions for Time Records are NOT available in Chronology.

The security function "Create Exclusion" must be assigned to a user's role in SSIS Admin to add exclusions.

Exclusion Search

The Exclusion Search allows agency workers to search for Time Records or Payments with an associated Exclusion meeting a set of criteria. This search is available if the user has "Worker Default Activities" or "Fiscal Default Activities" security functions in their user role.

Service Plan Updates

Annual updates and corrections to the State Service Plans included some new features.

The CMH Individual Family Community Support Plan has Participant Medication merging into the plan, screen layout reorganized and/or renamed, and the Setup tab has new selection abilities for the CMH Assessments.

The Child Protective Services Plan and Family Assessment Service Plan now allow users to select Decision Tools from associated workgroups. The Family Assessment Service Plan has a new "Risk Factors" section; and the Child Protective Service Plan no longer has a "Permanency" section.

The Parent Support Outreach Plan merges the Strengths and Needs tool.

The Out-of-Home Placement Plan- Adoptive/Guardianship no longer has the "Commissioner Consent" screen.

Most of the State Service Plans contain corrections in spelling, grammar, and screen or print display. The changes are available when creating a New Service Plan or when copying an existing State Service Plan.

Module Changes:

Document Templates

The following document templates will need a new Local Agency Header attached:

Adoption Assistance Agreement

Relative Notice of Foster Care Placement

Supplemental Adoption Assistance Needs Assessment

Voluntary Placement Agreement for Treatment American Indian Child

Former name: American Indian Child in Voluntary Foster Care for Treatment Agreement

Voluntary Placement Agreement for Treatment Non-Indian Child

Former name: Child in Voluntary Foster Care for Treatment Agreement

Outcome Reports

Four new Analysis and Charting measures were added to the State Indicators panel:

- **Measure MN8:** For alleged victims in Family Investigations with substantial child endangerment alleged, that were completed within the period, what percentage were seen within the required 24 hours?
- **Measure MN9:** For alleged victims in the Family Investigations without substantial child endangerment alleged, that were completed within the period, what percentage were seen within the required 120 hours?
- **Measure MN10:** For alleged victims in the Family Assessments that were completed within the period, what percentage were seen within the required 120 hours?
- **Measure SSIS 14:** For children in continuous placement, what percentage of the required monthly face-to-face contacts were made during the period?

SSIS staff worked closely with staff from the Child Welfare Research and Evaluation Unit of the Child Safety and Permanency Division to provide consistency between these new measures and the Child Welfare Data Dashboard measures. However, there still may be slight differences in numbers because the Analysis and Charting measures are run against the agency database which changes with each entry, while the Child Welfare Data Dashboard measures are run against the State Repository, which is updated monthly. Details about this logic for each new measure are available in the Data Descriptions accessible from the Analysis and Charting Home panel.

Programs and Services

Changes as a result of the Waiver Provider Standards Project

With the elimination of county contracts through the Waiver Provider Standards Project, counties can no longer claim for many services provided by a vendor. The following changes were made as a result of the Waiver Provider Standards Project:

- Added End Date of 12/31/2013 to 27 HCPCS/Modifiers
- Added Service Association End Date of 12/31/2013 to 46 HCPCS/Modifiers
- Added Service Association End Date of 06/30/2014 to three HCPCS/Modifiers
- Changes the Descriptions of three HCPCS/Modifiers
- Added S5150 to include Time only effective 01/01/2014

BRASS Code Changes 2014 - 2015

BRASS Program and Service changes were needed for 2014 – 2015. Changes in Services will not display until 01/01/2014. The title for seven (7) BRASS codes have been changed and one (1) BRASS code has ended. For the complete list of changes see the ["Changes to DHS BRASS Manual for Calendar Years 2014 - 2015" bulletin dated August 20, 2013 \(13-32-11\)](#).