



# SSIS Fiscal Flyer

## Winging Toward Integration

Issue 16

Social Services Information System

June 29, 2005

### New dates for SSIS Fiscal (V4.0) announced to Partnership

At the SSIS Partnership Group meeting on June 22, staff announced revised pilot and release dates for SSIS Version 4.0 (Fiscal). The following information was a handout presented at that meeting as well as at the June 23

Minnesota Association of County Social Services Agencies (MACSSA) meeting, and at the Fiscal staff's June 24 AMSAA Conference presentation.

#### **Proposed Dates:** *(Formerly scheduled for January 1, 2006)*

September 1, 2005 - Pilot

April 1, 2006 – Statewide Implementation

#### **Reasons:**

- IFS interface issues are more complex than anticipated
- Intensive support is required with individual counties for Chart of Accounts (COA) and vendor import.
- Not enough Fiscal programming resources
- Unanticipated 3.8 issues that required additional releases to resolve.

#### **Advantageous Implications:**

- Year end accrual issues won't be a problem.
- Training sessions over the holidays can be avoided.
- With more lead time, the project will be able to schedule more county training sessions.
- Adult services workers will have extra time to learn time reporting and other functions before claiming is available.
- For custom counties, turning on interfaces can be phased similar to vendor import.
- Application will be more thoroughly tested and user friendly due to a longer pilot.

#### **Disadvantageous Implications:**

- Some duplicate keying of Service Agreements will be required (in CSIS or SSIS Worker or other county accounting system for the first few months, then in SSIS for the remainder of the year.)
- If counties use County Maximums, they will have to be entered twice (in CSIS or other county accounting system for the first few months, then in SSIS for the remainder of the year).
- Compiling YTD data may require looking in two systems.
- CSIS will have to make new HCPC changes due for Jan. 2006.
- Some enhancements to the system will be delayed.

#### **Notes:**

- ~ CSIS will continue to operate through 2006, as per our agreement with MAXIS, to issue childcare payments until MEC2 is up and running.
- ~ Adoptions project will not be affected by the schedule change because it is on a parallel track
- ~ MMIS is behind in their work and this may affect the MMIS/SSIS Fiscal interface schedule, in any case.
- ~ There are no immediate financial implications.

#### **Gerry Benusa joins Fiscal staff**

Gerry Benusa is a new designer/developer working on the SSIS Fiscal Project. He has extensive Delphi, Oracle client server, and Oracle database analyst experience. Gerry and his family moved here from Georgia.