

What's New in SSIS Version 17.1?

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Highlights:

Bus Org/Provider

The Adam Walsh Child Protection Safety Act of 2006 requires that foster care licensing agencies institute procedures for conducting criminal record checks (CRCs) for prospective foster parents. These background checks, commonly referred to as Adam Walsh background checks, include fingerprint-based checks of the National Crime Information Databases (NCID), as well as additional checks of child abuse and neglect registries on prospective foster parents and all other adults living in the household.

The financially responsible county or tribal agency is required to record the licensing information for all licensed homes into SSIS. This includes tribally licensed/approved or out-of-state family foster homes. Having this information recorded in SSIS is a key step in documenting that the requirements of Title IV-E foster care maintenance payment eligibility have been met, specifically: the requirement that a child must be in foster care placement that meets the standards of Section 471(a)(20) of the Act, which dictates that the safety requirements for prospective foster parents be met prior to licensure.

As part of Minnesota's efforts to ensure full compliance with the Adam Walsh Child Protection Safety Act, the enhancements to SSIS allow for the recording and collection of the agency efforts to meet the safety and licensing requirements.

These fields are available in SSIS on the License screen:

- All federal Title IV-E required background checks passed
- Last required background check completion date

Beginning in V17.1, this documentation will be required for all tribally licensed / approved and out-of-state family foster care providers.

Child Foster Care Report

New Proofing message #1100 requires that a Best Interest Date exist on the first Court record for the Continuous Placement.

Updated Help text (long message) for Proofing message #1101 regarding Initial Placement Authority and Best Interest Date.

New Payment and Claimed Payment Proofing message #1189 regarding Title IV-E required background checks.

A new general report "Agency Title IV-E Child Support Adjustments" provides information on adjustments to the Title IV-E Child Support disbursements when there is no corresponding Title IV-E claim. This report is found under the State Reporting category.

Fiscal – MA Eligibility

New eligibility type (GR) to be used with major program UN for Group Residential Housing/Supplemental Service Rate

Northstar Fiscal Reconciliation

Two new tabs on the Northstar Care Fiscal Reconciliation display only for Reconciliations that are approved after V17.1 is implemented. All Northstar Care Fiscal Reconciliations prior to implementing V17.1 do not include the two new tabs

Days & Counts Summary tab

Days & Counts Summary tab displays on the Payment Period, and the total FFC Days of Care, RCA Days of Care, MnPD Days of Care, MnPD Child County, NKA Days of Care, NKA Child County, AA Days of Care, AA Child County and Total Days of Care, Total Child Count for all agencies included in scope of the Northstar Care Fiscal Reconciliation.

Days & Counts Breakdown tab

Days & Counts Breakdown tab displays the Days of Care & Child Counts for each Program by Agency and IV-E Reimbursability.

Special Studies

New Special Study AMH-AMHI Grant "Adult Mental Health-Adult Mental Health Initiative Grant" is available for linking to SSIS Person records. This is for clients who are receiving services by the Adult Mental Health Initiative Grant.

New Special Study AMH-CSP "Adult Mental Health-Community Support Program Grant" is available for linking to SSIS Person records. This is for clients who are receiving services funded by the Community Support Program Grant.

Vulnerable Adult

New screens available for recording protective services and remediation provided to the vulnerable adult to document safety of the vulnerable adult and interventions of protective services at assessment/investigation close.

This data is needed to evidence interventions of Adult Protective Services for CMS Health and Safety performance measures and results based accountability.