



*MMIS Replacement Planning Project
Legislative Quarterly Status Report
January – March 2016*

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This quarterly Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) Replacement Planning Project is filed by the Department of Health and Human Services Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care (MLTC), as required by LB 657.

Project Status Summary

The MMIS project team is continuing with the planning for the replacement of the functionality within the existing MMIS that has served the state since 1978. Following is a list of accomplishments over the past quarter and our upcoming activities and milestones for the next quarter.

Accomplishments: January – March 2016

- Published draft RFP for the data management and analytics (DMA) procurement and received comments from potential vendors and other interested parties.
- Revised DMA RFP and submitted to CMS for approval.
- Published the RFP for the Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V) services.
- Submitted Implementation Advanced Planning Document (IAPD) to CMS for enhanced project funding.
- The Heritage Health contract, with the claims broker services (CBS) requirements included, was awarded to United Healthcare of the Midlands.

Current / Upcoming Activities: April – June 2016

- Finalize the evaluation criteria for the DMA RFP.
- Obtain CMS approval of the DMA RFP.
- Publish the DMA RFP.
- Evaluate and award the IV&V contract.
- Obtain CMS approval of the IV&V RFP
- Obtain CMS approval for funding of the DMA implementation.
- Continue DMA preparation activities.

Project Status Summary by Component

The status for each MMIS project component is described below.

Data Management and Analytics (DMA)

Providing an improved capability to manage the vast amounts of data received by the Medicaid agency continues to be a top priority for DHHS. Managing the data, producing accurate and timely reports, and utilizing the data to make informed business decisions will continue to become more critical within the Medicaid program. The draft RFP of the data management and analytics (DMA) request for proposals (RFP) was released for comment and responses were received in February of 2016. The team has reviewed all comments received and incorporated changes to the RFP as appropriate. The RFP has been submitted to CMS for approval.

Pending CMS approval, the project plans to release the DMA RFP solicitation for bids in May of 2016, and the DMA solution is projected to be operational in late 2018.

Implementation preparation activities will also begin in the upcoming quarter. These preparation activities will ensure that MLTC is prepared with a strategy to effectively begin work on the project when the DMA contractor starts.

[Independent Verification and Validation \(IV&V\)](#)

Independent verification and validation (IV&V) is a process employed by a third-party for evaluating the accuracy and quality of a project throughout the project duration. For major information technology system projects receiving enhanced federal 90% match, CMS requires states contract with an IV&V contractor to perform these services. MLTC is conducting a joint procurement for IV&V services for the DMA project as well as the eligibility and enrollment systems (EES) project.

The EES project’s current IV&V contract ends in June of 2016. The IV&V RFP was released for bid in March of 2016 and responses are due in May of 2016. MLTC is targeting the award of the new IV&V contract for July of 2016.

[Claims Broker Services \(CBS\)](#)

The Heritage Health contracts were awarded, with one Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) contracted to process fee-for-service claims. This solution capitalizes on capacity and technological infrastructure already developed by the MCOs and in place to pay claims through existing at-risk Nebraska Medicaid contracts. The specific implementation date for CBS is currently being planned.

Project Milestones

The project team continues to complete tasks identified in a detailed work plan for the project. As the project progresses, specific dates within the schedule have been revised to address DHHS priorities. The planned milestones for the project are included below.

DMA Procurement Milestones	Target Completion
Receive approval from CMS	May 2016
Release RFP solicitation for vendor bids	May 2016
Vendor proposals submitted	August 2016
Publish intent to contract	October 2016
Submit contract to CMS for approval	December 2016
Finalize contract and start implementation	February 2017
Prepare plan to support implementation activities	February 2016
Select Heritage Health Plan to perform as the CBS	April 2016
Prepare organization to support implementation activities	January 2017
Start joint planning and implementation preparations with CBS	February 2017

Table 1: DMA Project Milestones

IV& V Procurement Milestones	Target Completion
Release RFP solicitation for vendor bids	March 2016
Vendor proposals submitted	May 2016
Publish intent to contract	May 2016
Submit contract to CMS for approval	June 2016
Contract Award	July 2016
Contractor begins work	July 2016

Table 2: IV&V Procurement Milestones