



*MMIS Replacement Planning Project
Legislative Quarterly Status Report
April – June 2016*

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This quarterly Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) Replacement Planning Project Report 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: April – June 2016

- Received approval of the data management and analytics (DMA) request for proposal (RFP) by all stakeholders (MLTC, DAS, Legal, IS&T, OCIO, CMS).
- Published the DMA RFP on June 1, 2016.
- Received and began addressing responses to the 519 questions from vendors regarding the DMA RFP. Responses were published on July 28, 2016.
- Received approval of the implementation advanced planning document (IAPD) by CMS for enhanced project funding.
- Evaluated and scored the Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V) services proposals and completed oral presentations.

Current / Upcoming Activities: July – September 2016

- Respond to DMA RFP questions from vendors.
- Finalize DMA RFP proposal evaluation material and train the DMA RFP proposal evaluation team.
- Continue development and execution of the DMA preparation projects and activities.
- Complete IV&V RFP Best and Final Offers (BAFO), announce intent to award, contract with selected vendor and begin the IV&V project.

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 RFP for the DMA procurement was approved by all stakeholders and released to the public in June of 2016. There has been a strong interest from the vendor community for this project. Thirteen (13) vendors generated 519 questions that MLTC responded to. The team will incorporate changes to the RFP as appropriate.

The project plan remains on schedule with proposals due on September 20, 2016. The DMA solution is projected to be operational in October 2018.

Implementation preparation activities have now commenced. These activities will ensure that MLTC is prepared to effectively begin work on the DMA project when the contractor starts in February 2017.

[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 has released a joint procurement for IV&V services for the DMA project as well as the eligibility and enrollment systems (EES) project.

Six (6) proposals were received based on the RFP process. The proposals were evaluated and scored. Three bidders were invited in for oral presentations with best and final offers (BAFO) to follow. MLTC is targeting the awarded IV&V contractor to begin work in September of 2016.

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

The Heritage Health contracts were awarded, with one Medicaid managed care organization (MCO), United Health Care, contracted to process fee-for-service claims. This solution capitalizes on United Health Care’s capacity and technological infrastructure already developed and in place to pay claims through existing at-risk Nebraska Medicaid contracts.

The scope of CBS is dependent upon program determinations regarding client groups participating in Heritage Health. One of the most significant decisions being addressed is how claims for individuals receiving long term services and supports (LTSS) will be administered specifically. MLTC is working with Mercer to identify opportunities regarding (LTSS) and how possible program changes will impact the CBS.

Project Milestones

The project team continues to complete tasks identified in a detailed work plan for the project. The planned milestones for the project are included below.

DMA Project Milestones	Target Completion
Vendor proposals submitted	September 2016
Publish intent to contract	November 2016
Submit contract to CMS for approval	December 2016
Finalize contract and start implementation	February 2017
Go-live	October 2018

Table 1: DMA Project Milestones

IV& V Project Milestones	Target Completion
Publish intent to contract	July 2016
Submit contract to CMS for approval	August 2016
Contract Award	August 2016
Contractor begins work	September 2016

Table 2: IV&V Project Milestones

CBS Project Milestones	Target Completion
CMS Planning 90% Funding Extension Approval	October 2016
Project Planning	January 2017
Detailed Requirements Development	March 2017
CMS Implementation 90% Funding Approval	July 2017
Go-live	TBD

Table 3: CBS Project Milestones

As the project progresses, specific dates within the schedule will be revised to address DHHS priorities.