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To: County Board of MRDD Superintendents County Board of MRDD Business Managers
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Subject: WMS2 UPDATE

The purpose of this memo is to give you an update on the WMS2 installation. This memo will also address some frequently asked questions regarding some of the recent changes. Please be sure to provide the information contained in this memo to all levels of your staff, especially SSA's and waiver contacts. We appreciate all the suggestions and feedback we have received and we have attempted to incorporate them all where ever applicable.

Our I.T. department has worked diligently, and we are pleased to announce that there are no known "bugs" that have not been resolved as of this memo. To date, I.T. has resolved 42 identified issues since the installation on January 8, 2009. We have 3 outstanding "Data Clean-up" issues which are now our highest priority. There are 20 items remaining on the enhancement list which have been prioritized and will be addressed by I.T. after the data clean-up issues have been addressed.

Data Clean-Up (see below)

We have three outstanding data clean-up items. As mentioned these items have been given the highest priority. I.T. is working with our office to correct 289 cases that have been identified as "corrupted" during the data transfer. As a result of data being corrupted some of you have been experiencing problems with span dates, PAWS or PICT approvals. This problem has also caused issues with initial packet enrollment, transfers and disenrollments. Because we have been unable to process some disenrollments and initials, this may have also caused errors relating to replacements and allocations requests. Due to incorrect data in WMS2, reports run through Cognos will also be inaccurate. Although I.T. has identified 289 cases, there may be others. Please verify the data contained in the Cognos report and notify us if you see any errors. The WMS2-Support listserv will remain active, but should ONLY be used for WMS2 system or data concerns, not for general waiver questions.

Until a fix is implemented for all of the identified records, I.T. will address issues on a case by case basis as they are brought to our attention.

Data Clean-up – Priority Rating #1

1. Data clean-up/checks from old WTS GIGO (LOC_Effective Date checks for greater than EnrolEndDate, illogical chronological tracking year orders, etc.)
 - List has been generated of 289 records and sent to the Waiver Unit for follow up. Must provide edit functionality or sit with DBA/Analyst to manually handle, no Consistent pattern or way to determine date change without manual examination.

2. There are some records that have duplicate sequential DISE for a tracking year that create no harm but are duplicates per WTS GIGO
3. Accuracy of Cognos reports to be verified by Terri Smith.

No More Slot Numbers

We wanted to reiterate that for ODMR/DD purposes slot numbers will no longer be used. The decision to eliminate slot numbers was made in conjunction with development of WMS2. We regret that this has had some negative repercussions for the field. However, at this point, due to the system changes, there are no plans to return to using slot numbers.

Martin Waiver Identifiers

To help the field identify and track Martin waivers, we have requested that a “Martin” waiver identifier be placed on both the Client Information screen and in the Waiver Summary list. This is a high priority on the enhancement list. We have also asked for the capability to export the Waiver Summary list to Excel. This will allow you to manipulate the data to better suit your needs.

COGNOS Reports

It is our sincere hope that everyone has had opportunity to log in and run the Cognos reports. It is our expectation that once the data issues are corrected that these reports will serve as an invaluable tool in the management of the entire waiver process from allocation through disenrollment. If you have not already, please log in and run several reports. Your feedback on would be greatly appreciated.

For you information I have included a list of Tracking Statuses and their meanings:

INCO - Incomplete

RECD – Received

LOCF – Forwarded to RPS2 for LOC approval

LOCC – RPS2 has approved ICF/MR Level of Care

ENRL – Enrolled

CRIS – Medicaid Eligibility Issues – Waiting for JFS

PLOM – Potential Loss of Medicaid

SUSP – Suspension

DISE – Disenrolled

DEND – Denied

New Forms and Instructions

Attached you will find a draft copy of all our newly revised forms and instructions. Jane Black and Terri Smith will be going over these forms and instructions on February 11, 2009 at the SSA Director’s Forum in Columbus. It is our intent to receive input from the field prior to implementation. Therefore you will have until Friday, February, 20, 2009 to submit any questions, comments, concerns or suggestions you may have. After the field review period, we will incorporate your input where possible. Our goal is to have the forms available on the website by March 1, 2009. You will receive another communication from our office at that time.