



*MMIS Replacement Planning Project  
Legislative Quarterly Status Report  
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## Current Project Status

The MMIS Replacement Planning Project continues with the planning for the replacement of the functionality within the existing MMIS that has served the state since 1978. During the last quarter of 2015, the strategic analysis document was completed and the project team began moving forward with recommended Data Management and Analytics and Claims Broker Services initiatives. Summaries of the initiatives are included below, along with the status of each.

### Data Management and Analytics

The top priority for the project is providing Nebraska Medicaid with improved capability to manage the vast amounts of data received by the agency. Managing the data, producing accurate and timely reports, and utilizing the data to make informed business decisions has become more critical with the growth of the Medicaid program. The project will produce a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide Medicaid Long-Term Care with an enterprise data platform that will encompass MLTC/vendor systems and data in a holistic data solution. This will serve as the data management module for MLTC and be designed to “fit” within the overall architecture.

The drafting of the Data Management and Analytics (DMA) Request for Proposal (RFP) is well underway. DHHS intends to release a draft of the DMA RFP for comment by interested entities in late December or early January. Other states have experienced success by releasing an RFP for comment on major system procurements. The project team will review vendor comments and amend the RFP where appropriate. The project plans to release the DMA RFP solicitation for bids in April of 2016.

### Claims Broker Services (CBS)

The CBS model was determined to be the approach that best fit the projected evolution of the Nebraska Medicaid program. The model establishes Medicaid Management Care Organization (MCO) Claims Broker Services (CBS) with an MCO for the processing of fee-for-service claims. This solution capitalizes on capacity and technological infrastructure already developed by the MCOs and in place to pay claims through their at-risk business. As more individuals with Medicaid have their healthcare covered through a risk-based MCO, there is less need for a MMIS to process fee-for-service claims.

DHHS is moving forward with this model for the fee-for-service claim volume. Language was included in the Heritage Health RFP as DHHS intends to select one of the Heritage Health plans to perform future CBS.

## Project Milestones

The project team is completing tasks identified in a detailed work plan for the project. As the project has progressed, specific dates within the schedule have been revised to address DHHS priorities. However, the end date for the start of the DMA implementation has not moved. Much of the schedule involving the Claims Broker Services implementation is yet to be

determined because it is contingent upon completion of Heritage Health implementation. The planned milestones for the project are included below.

Deliverable	Target Completion
Release DMA RFP to vendors for comment	January 2016
Submit DMA RFP to CMS for approval	February 2016
Release DMA RFP solicitation for vendor bids	April 2016
Vendor DMA proposals submitted	July 2016
Publish DMA intent to contract	October 2016
Submit DMA contract to CMS for approval	November 2016
Finalize contract and start DMA 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: Project Milestones

## Accomplishments

- Began drafting RFP language specific to Data Management and Analytics vendor procurement.
- Finalized Strategic Analysis, comprised of Alternatives Analysis, Procurement Analysis and Market Analysis.
- Continued business-focused requirements development and reporting needs identification.
- Completed detailed DMA RFP schedule.
- Completed and submitted Planning Advance Planning Document update to CMS, and received approval for enhanced federal planning funding through September 2016.

## Upcoming Activities

- Finalize and release draft RFP for vendor comments.
- Begin drafting the Implementation Advance Planning Document for funding approval necessary for enhanced federal funding for the implementation starting October 1, 2016.
- Start forming workgroups on integration topics for the new CBS model.