

WINNIE the Scoop! Newsletter #4

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WINNIE Project Status

The State continues to work on many activities in preparation for WINNIE.

Development of Statewide Roll-out Schedule

The State Office is currently working on assigning agencies to specific weeks for the statewide roll-out of WINNIE. Thank you to all agencies who completed the Clinic Locations Form, which is being used to help develop the roll-out schedule.

A tentative roll-out schedule will be provided in the March 2021 WINNIE the Scoop! Newsletter #5 for review.

Cycle 7 Results Validation Testing (RVT)

Cycle 7 RVT is currently scheduled for March 24 – April 21 and will test the development of many of the functions found in the Clinic module, including: Benefit Issuance, Direct Ship, Benefits History, the Food Adjustment Wizard, Food Prescriptions/Packages, Change Household ID, Prescreen, VOCs, and Appointment Scheduling. This will be the final RVT cycle for Clinic prior to User Acceptance Testing (UAT).

Preparation for User Acceptance Testing (UAT)

Since the source code is shared by multiple states, all with different business practices, it will be thoroughly tested in the UAT Environment by each state beginning May 31 – June 25. To prepare for UAT, a small workgroup that includes 12 of the SUG Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) members, was formed to develop test scripts that will test all system functionality. The test scripts will include step-by-step regression-type testing and scenario-based tests.

Hardware Assessment Needs for WINNIE

The State and Gainwell Technologies are currently assessing the hardware requirements for WINNIE and whether they will require any server changes.

WINNIE Readiness Guide

A WINNIE Readiness Guide is being developed. It begins 5 months out from an agency's planned roll-out and will be provided to our pilot agency, Dakota, for review and feedback in May/June.

Future Newsletters

A tentative roll-out schedule will be provided next month (March, 2021). Following newsletters will provide information about WINNIE functionality, including screen-to-screen comparisons between HuBERT and WINNIE and overviews of some of the new or revised functionality.

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