WINNIE the Scoop! Newsletter #16

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Timeline Is Being Revised

Requirements Validation Testing (RVT) for Cycles 7 (Clinic) and 8 (Finance) was completed on 1/25/2022.

CDP (the SPIRIT Web software developer/contractor) is working to create a timeline to resolve the defects identified during RVT, which will impact when the next testing phase, User Acceptance Testing (UAT), can begin.

Before UAT can begin, the Spirit User Group (SUG) will need to validate that the identified issues have been fixed, which is a requirement for UAT. Currently, CDP is providing defect fix releases every two weeks so that the SUG Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) members can re-test the defects and verify their fixes.

Since a timeline still needs to be created for resolving currently identified defects prior to UAT, providing a Pilot and Rollout timeline is still not possible. However, we will ensure that the timeline will be provided a minimum of 6 months prior to the start of Pilot.

Question & Answers

Remember! Questions about WINNIE should be submitted using the WINNIE Questions for the State Office form. All questions will be answered monthly and posted on the WINNIE Questions & Answers page, as well as included in the WINNIE the Scoop! monthly newsletter

Q: Will our agency's referrals transfer to WINNIE or will we need to recreate them?

A: All referral information, Program Topics and Organizations (renamed Topics and Referrals in WINNIE), will transfer. In WINNIE, referrals are based on agency and are not statewide. However, the naming convention for referrals, which requires the Agency ID to be included in parentheses at the end of the referral description, will continue in WINNIE. This is because currently all Infoview reports that pull referral information use the agency identifier in the referral description to identify the referrals that belong to a specific agency and we will need to continue with that naming convention for the Infoview reports to continue working.

Q: Will WINNIE discontinue auto-populating phone area codes in the telephone field?

A: Although most participants may have cell phones with Area Codes from any part of Minnesota or the United States, the Area Code (a required field for Clinic information in the system) will continue to auto-populate when the user clicks into the Telephone fields. However, a double-click into the field auto-highlights the area code when it displays so that it can be immediately overwritten once the user starts typing the participant's phone number with the correct area code.

The WINNIE Application/Software

WINNIE is not considered a "new" system since the database is the same and the internal code is simply being rewritten. However, the very nature of making the system browser-based will cause it to look and feel very different to users.

Therefore, going forward we will take a look at some of the screens in WINNIE and some exciting new changes that will be coming. Instead of providing print screens this month, we have posted a "module" online that will provide a general overview of Issuing Benefits.

Benefit Issuance Overview #1 Module (HTML5/7 minutes)

Benefit Issuance Overview Script (PDF)

Future Newsletters

Next month, if possible we will provide a tentative timeline for UAT, as well as a second overview of Benefit Issuance. This will include a more extensive look at Benefits History, setting Issuance Frequency, editing the first set, cycle adjusting and issuing direct ship.

References – listing of all hyperlinks

WINNIE Questions for the State WIC Office
(https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=YKT3FL3MHT)

WINNIE Questions & Answers
(https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/wic/localagency/infosystem/winnieqanda)

Benefit Issuance Overview #1 Module (HTML5/7 minutes)
(https://www.health.state.mn.us/training/cfh/wic/winnie/scoop/issueben1/index.html)

Benefit Issuance Overview Script (PDF)
(https://www.health.state.mn.us/docs/people/wic/localagency/winnie/scoop/scripts/issben1.pdf)

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