

Status of the Information Technology Department's preparations for the
state's federally administered health benefit exchange
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Meetings and webinars attended dealing with the federal Exchange

The project team has been attending numerous webinars presented by CMS, CCIIO, Enroll America, and State Reform on various topics related to the exchange and the ACA.

Research on federal exchange policy specifications

The project team has been reviewing the final rule on the ACA.

Research and waiting on technical specifications

We continue to wait for the technical specifications. CMS had indicated that they would be released by the end of March.

Other states eligibility systems

The team has held demos with Idaho, Michigan, and Oklahoma to obtain ideas and discuss how they are planning to interact with the federal exchange. A demo is also scheduled with Utah later this month.

How eligibility portal and federal portal will interact

We envision clients being passed from the eligibility portal to the federal portal to submit their application for Medicaid. Upon passing of the MAGI test, they will be sent back to the state eligibility portal for verification and enrollment in Medicaid.

Proposed Project timeline

ITD will begin high-level analysis this month followed by detailed analysis for the Medicaid and Common processes. At the same time, analysis will be performed to determine the changes required for the legacy systems to be ACA compliant by October 1, 2013: the date enrollment begins. Upon the completion of the design phase of the Medicaid and Common processes, detailed analysis will begin on the other economic assistance programs. There will be three phases of project work being performed during the life of this project.

Number of people working on the project

ITD has 8-10 and DHS has 8-10 presently. Eventually, we'll ramp up to 50 IT people (20 ITD and 30 contractors). The team will be moved to the former Home Depot building.

Approximately \$223,206.70 of the remaining \$750,000 of the planning grant has been spent to date.