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New MMIS to go live September 2008

User Acceptance Testing began March 26

The implementation of the department's new MMIS is now scheduled to take place during the month of September 2008. User Acceptance Testing (UAT) of the new system began March 26.

MMIS Project manager Jim Joyce said that the March 24 Project Readiness Assessment (PRA) showed that there was general agreement among DHS, system vendor EDS and quality-assurance vendor FOX Systems that the system was ready to be tested and that UAT should proceed on March 26.

Based on the UAT start date, EDS proposed an extension in the implementation schedule and a new go-live date of September 2008.

Joyce said the delay in starting UAT has allowed the majority of the interfaces to complete system testing. It also allowed many of the known data-conversion defects to either be fixed or have workarounds identified that will allow testing to begin.

"There are still a small number of known defects in the system and in the data, which EDS is working on aggressively," he said. "DHS and EDS remain committed to thoroughly testing the system and resolving as many defects as possible during the five-month UAT testing period."

DHS will conduct a second PRA on May 20 to determine the readiness of the department to begin user training. The third PRA is scheduled for August 14, to make a decision on going live in September.

Joyce stressed that the project's goal "continues to be to implement a high-quality MMIS that will accurately and efficiently process payments for Oregon Medicaid providers, so that the needs of the state's Medicaid recipients can be met."

Training rescheduled

MMIS provider training will be rescheduled for May through August. User training will take place from June through September. Specific schedules and locations for both

provider and user training will be made available soon.

Joyce also wanted to thank all those involved in the project for their hard work and patience. "I know this has been a tough road, but I feel confident that we're finally close to the end of our journey. We all appreciate everything members of the project and all of those from the DHS businesses have done to bring us to this point."

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Wave 2 ORA concluded

The Wave 2 Operational Readiness Assessment (ORA) was concluded in February, with overall positive results.

The objectives of the assessment were to confirm that: 1) Wave 2 planning has been completed throughout the business units; and 2) DHS is ready to enroll staff in MMIS user training.

The ORA identified some areas where there are temporary implementation-resource concerns, but a plan to resolve them has been approved.

The managers are continuing to work with their staffs to prepare for training.

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