

In the News



IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER:

1. POS Bridge

Medicaid Waiver Update

Staff reviewing potential candidates for waiver can save themselves time by entering a "Medicaid Waiver Disqualifier" comment in the consumer files which have been reviewed and should not be considered for inclusion on the waiver at this time. These consumers are not included on Waiver Potential Listings. Waiver disqualifier comments also print on the SANDIS Waiver Review forms. Recently, the Waiver disqualifier comments were added to the SANDIS Annual Review. Also new for waiver coordinators is an option to produce Waiver Consumer Listings by region or office. (A similar option provides Waiver Potential Reports by region.) These queries can be adjusted at each regional center to reflect the agency's regions. For assistance in setting up the regions for your center, contact the SANDIS Help Desk.

New Case Status "R"

A new consumer case status was added to your system this month. Status "R" is used to indicate that the case is being closed to the regional center and referred to the Family Resource Center (FRC). If the case should need to be reopened, a new code is available in the history area of SANDIS to indicate that a case is being reopened after transferring to the FRC. Using the normal process in the consumer's history tab, cases being reopened from "R" would use the new RETFRC code (return from Family Resource Center) to indicate why the case is being reopened. The date, service coordinator, and updated case status (i.e., status 0 for Intake) is recorded on the popup screen used to reopen the case. SANDIS Statistics and Consumer Registry programs are currently being updated to reflect this information and will be available soon.

Reporting Made Easy

In addition to the many reports mentioned above, SANDIS offers many reports throughout the system and on the Welcome Screens. Some new reports available include a combined IPP and IPP Addendum tracking report, Institutional Deeming tracking, updated FCPP Reports, Chart Tracking by Author, and updated reports on the Service Provider Portal. SANDIS reports were also recently provided to each regional center regarding CDER ICD codes to assist with the cleanup effort. Using new SANDIS features, it is easy to provide reports in PDF, text, or Excel formats. Check out the SANDIS website for an inventory of reports available in SANDIS.

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Annual Family Fee Program (AFP) Tracking

Two reports are now available in SANDIS to assist regional centers identify families affected by the Annual Family Fee Program. Both reports can be displayed, printed, or generated as Excel files. The first report lists consumers who meet the criteria, sorted by service coordinator and birth month. The second report is sorted by service coordinator and shows the consumer's authorizations. A new menu in SANDIS (MNAFPA) was created for these reports. A tracking system for the AFP is currently being developed which will include the ability to provide reports to DDS at the required time frames, track fair hearings, and fee adjustments.

Special Incident Reports

Many regional centers have taken advantage of the SANDIS Auto T19 feature available in the Special Incident Report (SIR) program. Using text blocks, SANDIS can assist busy service coordinators document T19 for activities related to SIRs. This feature was also made available at Level 5 for some regional centers that have unique SIRs processing. Another new feature available in SIRs for those premium regional centers that have upgraded to the IBM V6 operating system is PDF capability for printouts. This can be made available in the SIR program or the nightly process that handles SIR transmissions can also be modified to generate PDFs for the SIRs that are processed. For more information on either of these features, contact the SANDIS Help Desk.

Preparing for Easy PDF Delivery

SANDIS has updated several programs recently to provide output in PDF format. These include the Vendor Status Notification (VSN), Appointment Schedule, Referral Form, Transportation Service Request, and IPP. In order to take advantage of the ISeries email program to easily deliver the PDF to a staff person, it is required that a valid email address of the staff person is stored in SANDIS. If "alias" names are used, the new automated email process for these reports will not work properly. The Table of Codes menu provides a report of current email addresses stored in SANDIS at your center. Option 10 on that menu provides access to update the information, if needed. Contact the SANDIS Help Desk or your analyst if you have questions.