

LIHP Automation: SAWS System Support Option

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How We Got Here

- Waiver renewal workgroup discussions in 2010
- Backlogs of cases in existing Coverage Initiative counties
 - Largely driven by DRA Citizenship Documentation rules
 - Paper-based process, not electronic as human services has now
- Led to discussion of how CI's could get DRA information...
 - More timely
 - Electronically to greatest extent possible
- Realized the SAWS Consortia may be able to assist counties
- Simultaneously, DHCS was considering options

Alternative Approaches

- SAWS Consortium System
- DHCS LIHP Possible Solution

County Eligibility Systems

- Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS) is collective name for three eligibility consortia:
 - LEADER (Los Angeles), CalWIN (18 cos), C-IV (39 cos)
 - Each consortium has about 1 / 3 of the statewide caseload
- Include:
 - Medi-Cal, CalWORKs, CalFresh, and CMSP
 - Initial and ongoing eligibility logic; directly linked to MEDS
 - Online applications, without need to re-key data into SAWS

Key LIHP Eligibility Business Needs

- Ensure timely eligibility determination
- Avoid full Medi-Cal process if no linkage
- Develop data tracking capacity
- Facilitate entry into MEDS
 - Important for federal draw-down now
 - Vital to get cases into 100% federal funds in 2014
- Meet citizenship documentation requirement

What SAWS Programming Includes

- Internet-based Data Entry
- Data Tracking Capacity
- Link to MEDS
- Automated SSN Check to meet Citizenship Documentation Requirements via MEDS

How SAWS Programming Meets Needs

- Timely and convenient
 - Automated rather than manual
 - Available wherever Internet access exists
- Allows for LIHP-only process, not requiring full Medi-Cal
 - Can be used by health department staff
 - Staff choose path based on screen for linkage
- LIHP reporting to MEDS
 - Eases data tracking, facilitates federal draw-down
- Conducts electronic SSN match
 - 94% of SSNs match; obviates need to collect paper documents
 - Speeds ability to start drawing down federal funds

Using SAWS

- Allows county flexibility to use health or human services staff to do LIHP eligibility.
- Builds the “bridge to health reform” promised by the 1115 Waiver.
- Allows faster connection to full Medi-Cal for those whose circumstances change.
- Avoids need to do full Medi-Cal for those who clearly have no linkage.

Time Frames

- Staggered start dates for non-CMSP counties
- January 1, 2012 for CMSP

DHCS Possible Alternative

- External eligibility determination
 - Automated system
 - Manual
- Directly Access to MEDS for LIHP data entry
- Citizenship verification triggered & returned

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