Initial Foster Care Eligibility Determination (FCED) Governance Meeting

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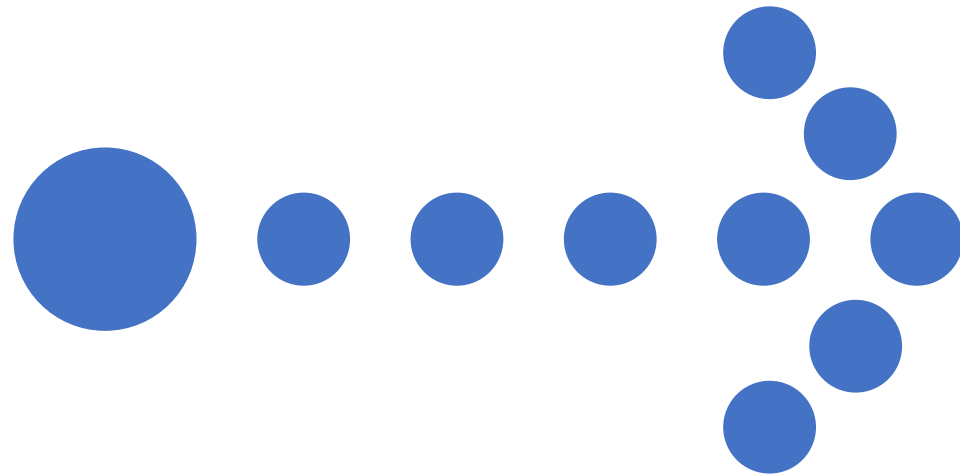|	
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Foster Care Eligibility Determination (FCED) – Proposed Phased Approach

Because CWS-CARES will not be ready to interface with SAWS when the CalSAWS migration begins in September 2021, California will pursue a phased approach to FCED.

Background

- CA originally planned for a multi-year migration of the 58 counties from three SAWS systems to two systems to one.

- During this time, the CARES and the SAWS project teams planned to develop a standalone FCED service.

- Subsequently, CARES and SAWS recognized that their respective project schedules were no longer in alignment.

- Now the plan is to build the FCED capability into the CalSAWS system that will be used by all 58 counties, using a phased approach.

Phase 1

Phase 1 of FCED will leverage the existing LRS functionality to begin building towards a CCWIS compliant eligibility determination process. This will include enhancements to the automation of eligibility determination, as well as a data extract from the CWS/CMS system (information about the child, the placement, and protective custody, etc.), in addition to information entered in CalSAWS.

Phase 1 changes will not impact Los Angeles County's business processes.

Timing: This phase will be implemented in time to support the migration of the C-IV counties to CalSAWS, scheduled for September 2021.

Funding: OSI has indicated that this effort will be funded without any additional county contribution.

Procurement: This phase will be incorporated into the existing CalSAWS scope of work with Accenture, subject to federal and state approvals.

Phase 2

Phase 2 of FCED will build upon the statewide process established in Phase 1, and will incorporate a two way, real time interface with CARES that will provide the necessary data to remove the need for duplicate data entry in CARES and SAWS, and to support a fully CCWIS compliant eligibility determination process, as well as providing CARES with the required data about eligibility results and benefit issuances.

Timing: This phase will be implemented after completion of the CalSAWS migration and stabilization period, and the completion of the CARES development, at a mutually determined date.

Funding: OSI has indicated that this effort will be funded without any additional county contribution.

Procurement: This phase will be incorporated into the CalSAWS M&O procurement's scope of work, subject to federal and state approvals.

Phase 1 Proposal – Option 1: Data Extract

APPROACH

- The scope of option 1 would create a full extract of data for the CalSAWS [one-time initial load], then daily delta files would be sent nightly. With this option, the individual transactions would not be identified and sent.

- All data from those tables would be sent and Accenture would be required to transform the data and determine what needs to be sent to CalSAWS.

- Los Angeles County will continue to have the same business process that they have today (i.e., "no touch case.")

Phase 1 Proposal – Option 1: Data Extract

CalSAWS COST: $6,576,504

Costs Include:

- ➤ Design
- ➤ Build
- ➤ System Test
- ➤ Converted Data Testing
- ➤ UAT

IBM'S COST: $715,000

Costs Include:

- ➤ Design
- ➤ Build
- ➤ System Test
- ➤ Converted Data Testing
- ➤ UAT

TOTAL COST FOR OPTION 1: $7,291,504

Phase 1 Proposal – Option 2: Transaction-Based

APPROACH

- Option 2 consists of defining the exact data transactions that would be required of the 28-30 tables in CWS/CMS, and sending the files distinguished by county, with only transactions needed, not a full extract of the data.

- With this option, IBM would be required to interpret some of the data and send only the transactions needed.

- Los Angeles County will continue to have the same business process that they have today (i.e., "no touch case.")

Phase 1 Proposal – Option 2: Transaction-Based

CalSAWS COST: $4,713,660

Costs Include:

- Design
- Build
- System Test
- Converted Data Testing
- UAT

IBM'S COST: $2,015,000

Costs Include:

- Design
- Build
- System Test
- Converted Data Testing
- UAT

TOTAL COST FOR OPTION 1: $6,728,660

Project Teams' Recommendation

- After much discussion and weighing both options, the CARES and SAWS Project Teams recommend Option 1, for the following reasons:

  - OSI is concerned that IBM does not have the bandwidth to take on the task of transforming data.

  - Since CalSAWS is the system of record for eligibility, the teams felt it would be most appropriate for CalSAWS to interpret the data to avoid any unintended negative impacts if CWS/CMS were to misinterpret how their data impacts eligibility.

  - Funding for this effort is available within the state budget, and while the Option 2 estimate is slightly less, the factors above outweigh the additional cost.

DISCUSSION & DECISION