274 Expansion Project

County Mental Health Plans

Workgroup Meeting # 16

August 28, 2021

Housekeeping Reminders

1. During this Webinar, all participants are placed on mute. Please remain on mute unless asking questions at end of presentation.

2. Questions can be sent via the Webex Chat and Q&A features. We will use the last 25 minutes or so of the meeting to address submitted questions. You can also use the 'raise hand' feature when directed by the moderator. If we do not get through all questions during the Q&A period, we will follow-up in future WG meetings and/or FAQs.

3. These meetings will be recorded and posted to the BHIS Portal along with meeting materials.

4. We will not conduct a county-by-county roll call, however, we will keep track of county attendance via the Webex registration process. We will introduce DHCS staff participating in the meetings.

INTRODUCTIONS

Agenda

#	Agenda Items	Time
1.	Overall 274 Project Status and Updates since the last WG meeting	5 min
2.	Upcoming 274 Companion Guide Updates	5 min
3.	274 Information Notice (status and anticipated contents)	5 min
4.	274 SharePoint Site for Counties	15 min
5.	Upcoming Key Activities and Timelines	10 min
6.	Q & A	30 min

Overall Project Status

Project activities since last workgroup meeting on June 28, 2021:

- ✓ DHCS deployed the 274 MHP staging/testing environment in February; plans may start testing at anytime.

- ✓ Early testing continues with San Diego, Orange, Kern and Ventura. Some system fixes have been applied as a result of early testing results.

- ✓ Received emails from many counties on when they expect to start testing. A majority are targeting October to start testing. A county-by-county test status matrix is in development. Additional targeted outreach is in process.

- ✓ DHCS Privacy/Security offices approved county access to the DHCS 274 SharePoint site.

- ✓ Planning to release an update to the 274 Companion Guide as a result of early testing (mainly updates for clarification).

- ✓ DHCS continues work on the 274 Information Notice and is targeting a draft release to the counties **by the end of September 2021** timeframe.

- ✓ Workgroup meetings will continue monthly until further notice: 4th Monday of each month from 2-3:30.

MHP 274 Companion Guide (CG) Updates – Version 1.3

- Target release by end of September 2021
- Draft CG sent to plans on 6/28. A copy is in the 274 SharePoint site.
- Any additional updates identified during early testing will be included in the September updates. No system changes associated with this updated version (only corrections and clarifications to existing information).
- Please review draft copy and forward any comments by 9/15/2021. A link to the most current on SharePoint will be sent out in the next few days.

274 Behavioral Health Information Notice (BHIN)

- Targeting DRAFT release by the end of September.

- References BHIN 21-023 but focuses solely on the 274 file test and production timelines, submission requirements and its intent to replace the Network Adequacy Certification Tool (NACT).

- Includes the scope of provider network data to be included in the monthly 274 file, specifically specialty mental health outpatient and inpatient providers.

- Annual certification supplemental documentation will not be addressed in the 274 IN.

- Counties are expected to be ready to start testing by October 2021 and start monthly production files in January 2022.

- Note: DHCS will start requirements definition for DMC-ODS 274 file submissions in the fall of 2021. Targeting late 2022 for county testing.

274 SharePoint Site for Counties

- Provides access to the most current working documents and deliverables including: Companion Guides, Custom Error Message, Sample Files, Transition/Testing plans, etc.
- All county 274 Workgroup members will be added as guests to this site this week (week of 8/23).
- You will receive an email with a link to the site. Save the link to your favorites for future reference.
- This site will be updated as new information becomes available.
- Walk-thru in today's meeting

Key Activities and Time Frames

#	Activity	Timeframes
1.	Monthly workgroups with plans	Note: 274 WG meetings will be monthly until further notice. 2021 Schedule: 4th Monday of each month: 8/23, 9/27, 10/25, 11/22, 12/27 Time: 2-3:30pm Please block of these time frames in your calendars. A Webex link will be sent prior to each meeting.
2.	Companion Guide Updates (CG)	Version 1.2 released on 12/21/2020 (This is the version you should be using for your system modifications.) Version 1.3 (target release the end of Sept 2021 – a draft was sent to plans on 6/28. Includes only corrections and clarifications. No changes result in system changes.
3.	Release Transition Plan (TP) [Provides details about SFTP file transfer protocols, testing requirements and testing schedules]	Version 2.0 released on 4/26/2021 (This is the version you should be using)
4.	Release 274 Information Notice (BHIN) to plans	Draft Target release by the end of September 2021. This will include updates to FAQs.

Key Activities and Time Frames

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5.	**Phase 1 – Connectivity Testing** [Plans determine their own test cases to submit. Objective is to ensure plans can successfully transmit transactions and receive validation response file]	Testing environment is available as of 2/22/21. **Send email to 274Expansion@dhcs.ca.gov when your county is ready to start testing** *All plans should be ready to start testing by Oct 2021* Please review the Transition Plan Version 2.0 for instructions on getting started.
6.	**Phase 2 – Scenario Testing** [DHCS provides the test case scenarios to plans for inclusion in test files]	Plans may start when Phase 1 is complete. No DHCS approval is required to start phase 2. Expect 3-6 or more weeks to complete this phase.
7.	**Phase 3 – Production Parallel Testing** [File represents the full network for the most recent reporting month. DHCS will QA test file for accuracy and completeness]	Plans may start when Phase 2 is complete and approved by DHCS. Expect 3-6 or more weeks to complete this phase.
8.	**Begin production data submissions*** Plans may start submitting production files when Phase 3 is complete and approved by DHCS.	Production environment will be available by October 2021. All plans should be ready to submit monthly production files starting in January 2022.

* Plans can expect 3-6 months to complete Phases 1-3 testing as part of the DHCS approval process to submit production data. Plan specific schedules will be developed based on response to plan readiness.

Project Resources and Contact Information

1. **Key Project Deliverables will be available on the DHCS 274 SharePoint Site at:**

    https://cadhcs.sharepoint.com/teams/edim-274

    This site includes:
    - Most Recent Companion Guide and Custom Error
    - Messages
    - Workgroup Meeting Materials and Recordings
    - Project Planning Materials, Transition Plans, etc
    - FAQs

2. **Please continue to submit questions and/or request to join the 274 SharePoint site:** 274Expansion@dhcs.ca.gov

Open Discussion Forum