



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

MITS 'Go Live' Date Has Been Extended

Dear Provider Associations and Provider Partners:

ODJFS and our partner, HP, have worked diligently to prepare for the planned December 2010 "Go Live" date for the new Medicaid Information Technology System (MITS). The new MITS is a highly complex system that will improve the many business functions needed to support the needs of nearly 2 million Ohioans. We are actively engaged in various phases of testing the new system, which is the largest IT project in the state. We are dedicated to making the transition from the 20-plus-year-old MMIS to the new MITS as smooth as possible for ODJFS and its various stakeholders. To that end, ODJFS and HP have collaboratively made the decision to extend the implementation in order to provide more time to ensure the system is ready for a seamless continuation of business functions in preparation for federal certification.

In the upcoming weeks, training for ODJFS staff, for other state agency staff and for our provider community will continue. The momentum will escalate as we finalize all the activities needed for a successful implementation. Please continue to prepare your organization and staff for the new MITS.

Updates and important information will be provided to you via similar Provider Information Releases, including a new "Go Live" date in the very near future.

Please visit the ODJFS MITS Web site often at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/mits/index.stm>.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Tracy Plouck

Medicaid Director