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Efforts in Preparation for Phase 1 of UAT

Phase 1 of User Acceptance Testing (UAT) is tentatively scheduled to begin on September 19, 2022. If the schedule is maintained, UAT will continue through November 10, 2022.

Previous Testing Efforts

WINNIE has already undergone 7 different Requirements Validation Testing (RVT) cycles. These ensured that the software functions as stipulated by current HuBERT functionality, as well as meeting any additional requirements that were identified by the SUG (SPIRIT User's Group) Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) and software contractor (CDP) in the early phases of its development. These additional requirements were considered necessary corrections or improvements to current functionality (examples: Adjust Benefits and Appointment Scheduling).

Current Testing Efforts

Every two weeks, CDP provides a new, updated version to the RVT environment that corrects bugs identified during the 7 RVT cycles. Our state Software Lead then validates these "bug fixes", ensuring the corrected functionality works as expected, and documents her test findings.

The state has also been working to develop UAT scripts that test the system's clinic functionality and requirements. All the SUG states were assigned a number of topics to create UAT scripts for and Minnesota has completed their assigned scripts as of July 1, 2022.

Future Testing Efforts

The next testing phase is the intensive UAT, tentatively planned for mid-September, that will be performed by over 30 state staff and Local Agency super-users. UAT is unique in that it occurs within a copy of our actual clinic environment and not only tests the clinic functionality and MN-specific settings but ensures the system works with our eWIC Processor, as well as testing all of the maintenance processes that occur during End-of-Month (EOM) and End-of-Day (EOD).

UAT will be a combination of both "scripts", or step-by-step testing of functionality and requirements, and "scenario-based" testing, which is essentially random testing of tasks performed daily as part of WIC services.

Preparing for UAT

Our Software Lead has been developing a detailed UAT plan, which includes planning a training for UAT testers. This UAT training outlines how testing should be completed, as well as how to identify and track bugs found during testing.

Our Maintenance & Operations Contractor (Gainwell Technologies) has been working diligently on setting up the UAT servers. A hugely complex task that has so far only been completed by Minnesota; other states in the SUG are still working to setup their UAT environments. Due to the complexity of this, the UAT schedule is still considered tentative since the SUG states have agreed to complete a coordinated UAT effort, which requires all states to start UAT at, or at least around, the same time.

WINNIE Questions & Answers

You can submit any question about WINNIE using the [WINNIE Questions for the State Office](#) form. All questions and answers are included in the next WINNIE the Scoop! Newsletter and posted to the [WINNIE Questions & Answers](#) webpage.

Q: Will there be a copy feature in Nutrition Assessment? It would be extremely helpful to be able to copy over what was typed by the last CPA during the participant's previous certification. It would allow the next CPA to see in detail what was said during the last contact. The CPA would add or delete information as needed without having to re-ask or re-type the same information. It would save so much time.

A: WINNIE does not allow users to copy Nutrition Assessment answers from the previous certification's assessment. This would have been an enhancement that is out of the scope of this project, though it has been added to our list of possible future enhancement to discuss with the state nutritionists as well as the other states in the user's group.

Q: When will the schedule for Pilot and Rollout be provided to Local Agencies?

A: UAT is scheduled to begin on September 19, 2022. After UAT has been successful for a few weeks, draft Pilot and Rollout schedules will be provided to Local Agencies. The rollout schedule will be provided a minimum of 6 months before rollout begins to allow Local Agencies to plan their clinic schedules accordingly.

The WINNIE Application/Software

WINNIE is not considered a "new" system since the database is the same and the internal code is simply being rewritten. However, the very nature of making the system browser-based will cause it to look and feel very different to users.

WINNIE Adjust Benefits

In the last couple of WINNIE the Scoop! newsletters, we've provided modules that review the Adjust Benefits screen, or Food Adjustment Wizard in WINNIE. This is the last module we'll provide on Adjust Benefits (for now), and it walks through adding more of the same formula for a breastfeeding infant, as well as exchanging the infant Fruits/Vegetables originally issued for a cash-value benefit (CVB) when there has been some redemption of the infant foods.

[Adjust Benefits Overview #3 Module \(HTML5/7 minutes\)](#)

[Adjust Benefits Overview #3 Script \(PDF\)](#)

References – listing of all hyperlinks

[WINNIE Questions for the State WIC Office](#)
(<https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=YKT3FL3MHT>)

[WINNIE Questions & Answers](#)

(<https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/wic/localagency/infosystem/winnieqanda.html>)

[Adjust Benefits Overview #3 Module](#)

(<https://www.health.state.mn.us/training/cfh/wic/winnie/scoop/adjust3/index.html>)

[Adjust Benefits Overview #3 Script](#)

(<https://www.health.state.mn.us/docs/people/wic/localagency/winnie/scoop/scripts/adjust3.pdf>)

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