

**IT INVESTMENT CAPITAL FUND
PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

To: Information Technology Strategy and Investment Committee
John Vittner, Office of Policy & Management

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REPORTING PERIOD: 01/01/2014 – 06/30/2014

Total Funds Requested: \$13,699,707

Bond Commission Approval(s):	Date: Feb. 2013	Amount: \$ 1,563,055
	Date: Jan. 2014	Amount: \$ 5,316,356

Accumulative Total Capital Fund Expenditures to Date: \$ 6,196,247

Brief Project Description/Summary:

The Department of Social Services Integrated Eligibility System project will replace the Department's existing 24 year old Eligibility Management System (EMS). The integrated eligibility platform, once designed, developed and implemented, will provide a seamless eligibility and enrollment process for Medicaid, CHIP and the CTHIX, and will ultimately be used to determine eligibility for other social service programs (e.g., SNAP, TFA). Specifically, the planned integrated eligibility function will initially address federal requirements for eligibility determinations for advance premium tax credits and reduced cost sharing through the Exchange, MAGI-based eligibility for Medicaid, complete individual responsibility exemption determinations, and coordinate enrollment. This project was divided into Tiers. Tier 1 was standing up the Access Health CT client and worker portals to handle eligibility and enrollment for MAGI Medicaid, MAGI CHIP, QHP, and APTC. Tiers 2 and 3 are directly related to replacing DSS' legacy eligibility system known as EMS. Tier 4 is to utilize the existing infrastructure and platforms built in Tiers 1-3 to extend towards the other CT HHS agencies to achieve enterprise integration.

Progress Achieved to Date:

DSS, BEST and Access Health CT have been working with the Systems Integrator, Deloitte, to continue Tier 1 deployments insuring that the full designed functionality is achieved. On July 25th, a large deployment was implemented primarily to fix defects in the PDF process for MAGI Medicaid and MAGI CHIP enrollees. For Tier 2 and Tier 3, design/JAD sessions continue and are expected to last into early fall 2014. Conversion sessions for EMS and ConneXion and Access Health CT have begun. Business requirements definition has been completed for Tier 4.

Issues and Risks:

Tier 1 Risk - Coordinating future deployments with Tier 2 and 3 build; Tier 2 and 3 Risk - very aggressive timeframe to replace legacy system - new system needs to be implemented by December 31, 2015, to quality for 75% FFP for M&O for the lifetime of the system.

Next Steps & Project Milestones:

Continue with outlined Tier 1 deployments - an August 2014 deployment has been added to address additional functionality prior to Open Enrollment in November 2014; Continue to track Tiers 2 and 3 to the Project Plan -

additional detail for the Tier 1 deployments and the Tier 2 and 3 deliverables/project plan can be provided upon request.