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TO: All IHS

FROM: Director and Chief Information Officer
Office of Information Technology

SUBJECT: Decommission of the RPMS “Chemical Dependency Management Information System” Software Application

ISSUE

The Indian Health Service (IHS) Division of Behavioral Health, in partnership with the Office of Information Technology (OIT), has upgraded the IHS Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) “Chemical Dependency Management Information System (CDMIS)” software application to the Behavioral Health System (BHS). Effective immediately, the OIT is decommissioning CDMIS and asking sites to ensure they have implemented the BHS software application in its place. Technical support for CDMIS will cease as of March 15, 2006.

DISCUSSION

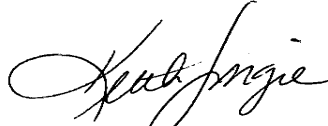
The OIT released BHS in 2003 and deployed an enhanced Behavioral Health Graphical User Interface (BH GUI) version in 2004. The BHS expands CDMIS to cover a broader spectrum of care for mental health, social work, and alcohol and substance abuse. The BHS allows IHS, Tribal and Urban providers to document clinical services provided; to generate reports for local, Area and national use; and to export behavioral health data to the IHS National Programs and the Division of Behavioral Health.

The majority of IHS sites have already converted to BHS or the enhanced BH GUI; however, there are a few sites that still need to be upgraded. These sites will receive emergency support for CDMIS and will be assisted in upgrading to the current BHS version.

Historical data in CDMIS is still available in BHS. The BHS includes a menu option that allows sites that have discontinued the use of CDMIS to transfer CDMIS data into BHS. The historical CDMIS data is contained in the subsequent BHS export. (The official RPMS namespace assigned to BHS is AMH. Please refer to the RPMS AMH User Manual for complete instructions on this function.)

For assistance in implementing BHS or BH GUI/Patient Chart, please contact your local Information Systems Coordinator. For more information about the RPMS behavioral health applications please visit: <http://www.ihs.gov/cio/bh/>

Thank you for your assistance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Longie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Keith" being more prominent and the last name "Longie" following in a similar style.

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