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## CALOMS Data Dictionary

**ADP has completed a very important document for the CalOMS project: the [Data Dictionary](#).** It will provide the counties, providers and IT support staff with the information needed to design systems to meet the data submission requirements of CalOMS. If you or your staff have comments or questions regarding this document, please email them to CalOMS Help at [CalOMSHelp@adp.state.ca.us](mailto:CalOMSHelp@adp.state.ca.us).

**CalOMS Data Dictionary:** This document replaces the Data Matrix previously used to document the data items to be collected in CalOMS. The Data Dictionary provides a detailed definition and specification of each data item, including allowable values and validation rules, i.e. data edits. It also provides a list of county and state codes to be used and a list of the error messages that the CalOMS system will generate when a data record violates one of the validation rules. We encourage counties and direct providers to share the Data Dictionary with business and IT staff as well as software providers.

The Data Dictionary provides the field level and relational edits that ADP's system will use to validate the data submitted by counties and direct contract providers. We highly encourage the counties and direct providers to build these edits into your own data systems so that the data is corrected at the source. The ability of a county or direct provider to submit data files that do not violate these validation rules will be a key aspect of the process to test and certify the readiness of counties and direct providers for CalOMS.

Information from the CalOMS database will provide ADP, counties, and policy makers on local, State and federal levels with the data necessary to improve treatment delivery systems and document the economic and societal benefits of AOD treatment. Science to Service evidence-based treatment and recovery strategies validate program efficacy.

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## Thank You for the CalOMS Monthly Reports!

In May the CalOMS team asked counties and direct providers to submit a monthly report on their progress with the CalOMS project. 33 counties and 4 direct providers submitted reports in June, 40 submitted reports in July.

These reports have been enormously helpful to the CalOMS team. For example, we know 14 counties plan to be ready to test their systems with ADP by the end of October and another 16 by the end of the year. This is invaluable in helping to plan and schedule for the testing and certification that must take place between each county/direct provider system and ADP's CalOMS system.

We discovered that 12 counties and a number of direct providers are still reviewing their CalOMS options. As a result ADP offered a session during the June Regional Training on "Getting Started". The session provided contact information for counties and direct providers about vendors other counties are using, as well as solutions counties and providers are developing in-house and are willing to share. This has been followed by weekly conference calls at 10 A.M. Thursday mornings to share information and ideas.

We also learned many counties have not yet begun their efforts to educate providers and internal staff. Therefore, the CalOMS team has a current focus on providing materials which may be helpful to the counties/direct providers, such as a Sample Communication Plan, and a PowerPoint presentation, "Overview of CalOMS", framed for an audience of counselors and support staff who will collect CalOMS data. Most counties have not yet begun to train county or provider staff. To assist with understanding the CalOMS data elements, the CalOMS team will provide the CalOMS Data Collection Guide by the end of August, the guide will be an invaluable resource to counties for understanding and explaining the CalOMS data elements and valid responses. The issues and status reported in the monthly reports over the next several months will also help the CalOMS team to plan for the regional trainings scheduled for fall and winter.

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The June Regional Trainings attracted over 150 people in four locations statewide and to a web broadcast. Many thanks to our county hosts in Sonoma, Redding and San Diego who made sure each day ran smoothly.

Several of the presentations were aimed primarily at a technical audience. These sessions looked at the contents of the Data Dictionary and at the Input File Specifications. With these presentations, ADP has delivered the last of the technical requirements that vendors and technical staff need to complete their CalOMS solutions. An overview of testing and certification explained the process in which counties and direct providers will participate, to assure that their systems will work with ADP's CalOMS database. Additional details on testing and certification will be provided in the fall.

A discussion of NNA/DMC Contract and Data Quality Standards reviewed data quality expectations and contract changes. There was also a presentation on business rules and another on outcome reports including available data elements, proposed parameters and possible analysis. Several tools were reviewed to assist counties with communication and outreach activities. These included a CalOMS Overview PowerPoint designed for an audience of counselors and other line staff, and a template of a communication plan which provided a process and tool for identifying stakeholders and planning to meet their information needs.

### Meeting Outcomes:

- The web broadcast was well-received, and we will try to use this technology in the future to save everyone the time and expense of travel. On the other hand, the face-to-face interaction was wonderful and literally lists of questions, suggestions and ideas were generated that the CalOMS team is working to compile and provide for all.
- All PowerPoint presentations from the Regional Training sessions are now available on the CalOMS website under Regional Trainings.
- Additional Regional Training sessions are planned for the fall and winter. The tentative focus of the fall sessions will be on testing and certification and the Data Collection Guide.
- For counties and providers that missed the June meeting there will be a make up session, via web broadcast, in August. Counties and direct providers who did not make the June training will be invited.

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## **HIPAA Final Rule—National Provider Identifier (NPI)**

The Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) is pleased to announce that it has engaged Hubbert Systems Consulting (HSC) to conduct an assessment and analysis of the impact the National Provider Identifier (NPI) will have on the Department's business and information technology operations. The assessment project will be completed by June 30, 2006. Counties and direct providers will be updated as the project progresses.

### **HIPAA NPI Statewide Workgroup: *Ongoing Invitation***

The HIPAA NPI Statewide Workgroup invites Alcohol and other Drug (AOD) counties and direct contract providers to participate in workgroup meetings on the fourth Monday of each month. The hour-long meetings are a valuable resource for ensuring your organization's successful implementation of the HIPAA standards. You may attend in person or via conference call. The next meeting will be at 10:00-11:00 AM on Monday, August 22, 2005. The meeting site is the Sacramento County DHHS Administrative Building, 7001 East Parkway, Conference Room 3, Sacramento (near Florin Road and Highway 99). You are also welcome to attend via conference call by dialing 916-445-5476; no access code is needed.

To request further information about the NPI Rule, contact Ruby Chandler Smith at ADP: [rsmith@adp.state.ca.us](mailto:rsmith@adp.state.ca.us) or 916-327-2568.

To subscribe to the HIPAA NPI Statewide Workgroup email list, send a message with the subject line "Add Subscriber to NPI Workgroup Mail List" to Ms. C.J. Caldwell at the California Department of Health Services (DHS), [ccaldwel@dhs.ca.gov](mailto:ccaldwel@dhs.ca.gov).

To learn more about the NPI rule visit the website of the federal agency, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Among the rich research resources available at [www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2) is an extensive and easy-to-search database.