

Joint Technology Committee  
FY 2022-23 Capital IT Request Questions for HCPF  
Due: COB, 5/30

Please respond to the questions for the following:

- each current IT capital project that has received an appropriation, or
- each operating budget request that was referred to the JTC.

1. Which elements of the project are currently underway? Which elements have been completed since the department last updated the JTC? Is the project on schedule with initial plans?

**HCPF Response:** The Colorado Medicaid Enterprise Solution (CMES) Procurement(s) are currently underway for the following three solutions; Business Intelligence Data Management (BIDM), Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) and the Pharmacy Benefit Management System (PBMS). The project is currently in a green status and the project is on schedule with the initial plans, with the exception of the PBMS, which has experienced delays in the procurement process resulting in a slight delay in completion dates. The current schedule now indicates the PBMS Core, Preferred Drug List, Rebate Admin and Real Time Benefit Tool modules will be complete by June 2025 instead of October 2024.

The elements currently underway for each solution are outlined below:

**BIDM:** Since the last JTC update, the BIDM procurement process has completed the evaluation of fifteen vendor submitted proposals across the four separate modules which are; Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW), Provider Performance and Quality Tracking (PPQM), Program Integrity (PI), and Recovery Tracking (RED). The Department is currently in the negotiation phase of the project and is negotiating with 4 vendors. The current schedules show the estimated intent to award and estimated contract execution dates:

Module	Estimated Intent to Award	Estimated Contract Execution
EDW	8/2023	12/2023
PPQM	11/2023	3/2024
PI	1/2024	3/2024
RED	10/2023	11/2023

**MMIS:** Since the last JTC update, the MMIS procurement process has completed the evaluation of 22 vendor submitted proposals across eight separate modules; MMIS Core System, Care and Case Management (CCM), Claims Editing Solution, Electronic Data

Interchange (EDI), Electronic Visit Verification (EVV), CMS Interoperability and Patient Access, Provider Call Center and Third Party Liability (TPL). The Department is currently in the negotiation phase of the project and is negotiating with ten vendors. The current schedules show the estimated intent to award and estimated contract execution dates:

Module	Estimated Intent to Award	Estimated Contract Execution
Core MMIS	10/2023	1/2024
CCM	10/2023	12/2023
Claims Editing Solution	10/2023	1/2024
EDI	10/2023	1/2024
EVV	9/2023	1/2024
CMS Interoperability and Patient Access	9/2023	1/2024
Provider Call Center	9/2023	1/2024
TPL	10/2023	1/2024

**PBMS:** Since the last JTC update, the PBMS procurement process has completed the evaluation of six vendor submitted proposals across five modules; Pharmacy Base System (PBMS), Opioid Risk Module, Preferred Drug List Purchasing (PDL), Rebate Administration, Real Time Benefit Tool (RTBT) and has awarded the PBMS Base System, Rebate Admin, PDL and RTBT to Change Healthcare. The Department is currently in the process of negotiating the contract with Change Healthcare. The Opioid Risk Module has been awarded to RxAssurance (DBA OpiSafe) and the Department is drafting a contract now. The current schedules show the estimated intent to award and estimated contract execution dates:

Module	Estimated Intent to Award	Estimated Contract Execution
PBMS Core System	Completed- 2/2023	12/2023
Opioid Risk Metric Tool	Completed- 5/2023	12/2023
PDL	Completed- 2/2023	12/2023
Rebate Admin	Completed- 2/2023	12/2023
RTBT	Completed- 2/2023	12/2023

2. How much money has been obligated and spent at this point? Please break down amounts and spent separately.

**HCPF Response:** The Department's Capital Budget is not available until 7/1/2023. The Department has used operating funds to support some of the pre-work for the MES re-procurement project. The Department has allocated \$2,344,992.00 in transition funding that was appropriated to the MMIS appropriation to assist the Department in the negotiation and contract drafting phases of the project.

3. What is anticipated to be completed by the next quarterly update?

**HCPF Response:** The Department anticipates that the intent to award and execution of contracts will be completed for several of the modules (see charts above), while the Department continues to negotiate and draft contracts for the remaining modules.

4. When does the department/institution anticipate that the project will be complete?

**HCPF Response:** Based on current schedules, the Department anticipates that the full project will be complete by June 2025, with some modules anticipated to be completed in 2024.

5. Are there any important concerns or updates you wish to share with the committee?

**HCPF Response:** Not at this time.

6. For multi-phase projects, has there been any insight gained through this phase of the project that will cause changes in the next requested phase of the project?

**HCPF Response:** The Department is planning on submitting a year two update for the CMES re-procurement request. In this update the Department is planning on truing up costs based on actual estimates that have been received and returning any funding that will not be used for modules that do not transition to a new vendor. This true-up would include both the cost of vendor transition in addition to administrative resources for procurement. Since the Capital request was originally written, as anticipated the Department has been able to narrow and define the work that would result from transitioning systems and has received estimates from vendors which allows the Department to more accurately estimate transition costs as well as collaborated with other states in similar CMES procurement stages to identify an additional need for an enterprise testing vendor to assist in the testing of all interfaces and data transfers between existing and any future modules that transition to new vendors. The next update will include the description of the funding to test the new system since that was not in the original request, but will be necessary to successfully transition a module without issues or interruptions to the Department's stakeholders.