



## ..CONNECTIONS NEWS..

*for the week of February 6 - 13, 2009*

*Developing a more caseworker centric system*

**CONNECTIONS Intranet site:** <http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/>

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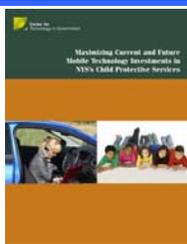
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### ***"Info to Know" for Caseworkers***



#### ***Maximizing Current and Future Mobile Technology Investments in New York State Child Protective Services***

The Center for Technology in Government, University at Albany, SUNY recently released its' study on the use of mobile technology by CPS caseworkers, entitled: *Maximizing Current and Future Mobile Technology Investments in New York State Child Protective Services.*

Laptops and other mobile technology devices were deployed in 2006 and 2007 to more than 600 caseworkers across New York State. This latest report is an extended assessment of three local Department of Social Services (New York City Administration for Children Services (ACS), Onondaga County Department of Social Services and Wayne County Department of Social Services) that had had laptops deployed to their CPS caseworkers. The goal of the report was to learn more about the impact of mobile technology over a longer period of use. The full report is posted to the CONNECTIONS intranet and can be accessed via the following link: [http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/projupdt/Portable%20Tech%20OCFS%20FINAL%20REPORT%201\\_9\\_09.pdf](http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/projupdt/Portable%20Tech%20OCFS%20FINAL%20REPORT%201_9_09.pdf).

In addition, there are three other associated reports that were compiled by The Center for Technology in Government, all three reports are posted to the CONNECTIONS intranet can be accessed via the following links:

- *Portable Information Technology Program Pilot Program - Report to the Governor and Legislature - December 2006*  
[http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/resources/Portable\\_Technology\\_OCFS\\_Report\\_PDF.pdf](http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/resources/Portable_Technology_OCFS_Report_PDF.pdf)
- *Portable Information Technology Program Pilot Program - Report to the Governor and Legislature - January 2008*  
[http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/resources/Portable%20Technology%20Rpt%20FULL\\_1-08.pdf](http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/resources/Portable%20Technology%20Rpt%20FULL_1-08.pdf)
- *Portable Information Technology Program Pilot Program - Report to the Governor and Legislature - March 2008*  
[http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/resources/Portable%20Technology%20Report\\_March%202008.pdf](http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/resources/Portable%20Technology%20Report_March%202008.pdf)

## *General "Info to Know"*

# *GIS* General Information System (09-001)

## *Chafee Amendment - Medicaid Coverage for Youth 18 to 21 Years of Age Discharged from Foster Care*

\*This information was included in the last edition of the "NEWS".

\*\* The information below pertains to local districts only.

**DATE:** 01/26/09

**TO:** Directors of Services

**SUGGESTED DISTRIBUTION:** Directors of Services, Foster Care Supervisors,  
Directors of Medicaid

**SUBJECT:** Chafee Amendment - Medicaid Coverage for Youth 18 to 21 Years of Age  
Discharged from Foster Care

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2009

**CONTACT:** OCFS-IT Customer Support at 1-800-342-3727

The purpose of this General Information System (GIS) message is to provide local departments of social services (LDSS) with information regarding Medicaid coverage for youth from 18 to up to 21 years of age who are final discharged from foster care.

Effective January 1, 2009, the Chafee Amendment, under Chapter 58 of the Laws of 2008 amended section 366 of the Social Services Law (SSL) by adding a new subdivision (3-a), provides that a youth who was in the custody of the Commissioner of the local department of social services or the Commissioner of the Office of Children and Family Services on or after his or her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday will receive Medicaid until the youth's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday without regard to income or resources. The youth must still meet Medicaid citizenship/immigration status and residency requirements.

The LDSS must initially authorize Medicaid for one year for any such youth 18 to up to 21 years of age who has been final discharged from foster care and remains a resident of New York State. The New York State Department of Health is developing system support which will identify these youth. Further information will be forthcoming. Until system support is developed, the LDSS must manually track these youth to ensure continued Medicaid coverage.

If the child has moved from one district to another district in New York State, Luberto provisions apply. For further information regarding Luberto provisions, please see 08 OHIP/LCM-1, "Continued Medicaid Eligibility for Recipients Who Change Residency (Luberto vs. Daines)".

The OCFS Data Warehouse report "*Children with Discharges during the Period - with District Prompt*" provides a detailed list of children discharged during a selected period. This report can be filtered on age to obtain the children that were discharged at age 18 and above. This report can be used to track Chafee eligible youth until automated system support is in place. Your district's designated Data Warehouse user can generate this report as needed.

For systems questions, please contact OCFS-IT Customer Support at 1-800-342-3727.

GIS messages are available in Public Folders at the following path:

*All Public Folders/dfa.state.ny.us/OCFS/TSU/ \*\*\*Services systems Reference Documents/ GIS (system change notices)*

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**NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR TECHNOLOGY**

**CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION—(CUSTOMER NETWORKING SOLUTIONS)**

**(09-CBNS-01)**

***DNS & WINS Configuration Updates for Locally-Managed Devices***

\* THIS INFORMATION WAS IN THE PREVIOUS EDITION OF THE "NEWS".

\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS INFORMATION IS PERTINENT TO AGENCY LAN ADMINISTRATORS.

NUMBER: 09-CNS-01

TITLE: DNS and WINS Configuration Updates for Locally-Managed Devices

DATE ISSUED: January 20, 2009

### Overview

CIO/OFT's Customer Networking Solutions (CNS) upgraded the servers for Domain Name Systems (DNS) & Windows Internet Name System (WINS). New servers have been added to the environment and some old servers have been removed to improve the quality of this service. There are IP address changes associated with these server migrations (see the "Details" portion of this Notification). Network and server administrators who configure devices to point to CIO/OFT managed DNS & WINS services will need to update their device configurations in order to utilize the appropriate DNS & WINS servers.

### Services Impacted \*

Any device manually configured for CNS managed DNS & WINS services are potentially affected by these changes. Devices that obtain DNS and WINS server information via DHCP are **unaffected** and can disregard this Notification.

Some of the old servers that provide DNS & WINS services were replaced with new servers on new IP addresses. Network and server administrators who configure their devices manually to point to DNS & WINS may not be aware that the IP addresses have changed and should follow the directions in the "Details" portion of this Notification.

*\*Please note that CNS printers do not use DNS or WINS and should not be configured to use these services.*

### Audience

CNS customers who configure their own devices for DNS and WINS resolution

### Assistance

#### *For local districts:*

If you have any questions or concerns related to this Notification, please contact the Coordination Center at 1-800-603-0877 or send an email to: [oft.sm.cns.coordination.center@oft.state.ny.us](mailto:oft.sm.cns.coordination.center@oft.state.ny.us)

#### *For voluntary agencies:*

Questions regarding this notification should be directed to either mailbox:

- Internal: [ocfs.sm.deployment](mailto:ocfs.sm.deployment)
- External: [ocfs.sm.deployment@ocfs.state.ny.us](mailto:ocfs.sm.deployment@ocfs.state.ny.us)

### Customer Action Required: Yes

Network and server administrators who configure devices to point to CIO/OFT managed DNS & WINS services will need to update their device configurations in order to utilize the appropriate DNS & WINS servers. Please see the "Details" portion of this notification for those servers that need to be removed and the new ones that should be added.

## Details

Customer Networking Solutions upgraded the DNS & WINS servers. This upgrade requires IP address changes associated with these server migrations (summarized below). Network and server administrators who configure devices to point to CIO/OFT managed DNS & WINS services will need to update their device configurations in order to utilize the appropriate DNS & WINS servers.

Please remove servers listed under the “Remove” heading below, and add the servers listed under the “Add” heading below.

## Remove

Old CNS DNS servers that will need to be removed include the following servers:

172.17.148.21  
172.17.148.22  
170.123.217.9  
170.123.213.9

Old CNS WINS servers that will need to be removed include:

172.17.148.13  
170.123.217.13  
170.123.213.13

## Add

Active CNS core DNS servers:

172.16.96.22  
172.16.96.23  
172.16.8.22  
172.16.9.22

Active CNS core WINS servers:

172.16.96.110  
172.16.100.24  
172.16.96.99  
172.16.8.110  
172.16.8.109  
172.16.9.20

If there is a local CNS domain controller, it should include the following:

172.16.96.22, 172.16.96.23, 172.16.8.22 and 172.16.9.22, “The IP address of your local domain controller.”



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### ***Weekly System Maintenance***

Due to regularly scheduled system maintenance, the CONNECTIONS application will not be available on...

- [Wednesday, 2/11/09](#) from 5:00 AM - 7:00 AM
- [Friday, 2/13/09](#) from 5:00 AM - 7:00 AM



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