

**TESTIMONY BEFORE
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
PROJECT STARTUP REPORTS:
MASTER CLIENT INDEX
CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FRONT END
MEDICAID CONTINUOUS ELIGIBILITY
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Chairman Robinson, members of the Information Technology Committee, I am Jennifer Witham, Director of Information Technology Services for the Department of Human Services (DHS). I appear before you to provide startup reports for the Master Client Index, Children and Family Services Front End and Medicaid Continuous Eligibility projects.

Master Client Index

The Master Client Index project will provide the base architecture needed to create a single client view across DHS services and programs. The primary focus of this initiative is to enable the sharing of member information with the new Medicaid Management Information System, but the base architecture will be extendable to all DHS applications and programs.

Children and Family Services “Front End”

The purpose of this project for CFS is to provide a “best practice” business flow process to the counties and regions and design and implement a new web application to address the business problems and needs. This project will result in a single case management system for the Child Abuse and Neglect, In-Home Treatment/Wraparound, and Foster Care programs.

Continuous Eligibility

The Balanced Budget Act (BBA) of 1997 allows states the option of providing up to 12 months of continuous coverage for children through age 18 enrolled in Medicaid.

Continuous Eligibility was authorized by the 2007 state legislature to ensure children maintain health care coverage for up to 12 months, even if families experience a change in income or some other change in status. This project represents the modifications required to incorporate this new program into the Vision eligibility system.

The full start-up reports ([continuous eligibility startup report](#) and [master client index Phase 2 startup report](#)) are attached to my testimony. If you have any questions, I would be happy to address them at this time.