

**Department of Human Services
Human Services Committee
Representative Damschen, Chairman
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Chairman Damschen, members of the Human Services Committee, I am Alex C. Schweitzer, Director of Field Services for the Department of Human Services. I am here today to testify on behavioral health services provided by the Department of Human Services (DHS).

The DHS field services Electronic Health Record Information System replacement project will implement a certified electronic health record (EHR) information system focused for behavioral health to support the continuum of services offered by the DHS Field Services Division. The software will support outpatient, residential and psychiatric inpatient business functions and service delivery needs.

The system requirements include functionality to provide for:

1. The system shall support online exchange of data with service providers for contract physicians, other contract service providers, and staff.
2. The system shall support the electronic transmission/exchange of state defined and mandated reporting of client, service and clinical quality, outcome and performance data.

The intent is not for the DHS EHR to collect data for both services provided directly or through contracts into a repository across the entire state and all providers. The DHS EHR could collect information to be submitted to the repository.

See [attached DHS graphs](#) for statewide data on client counts and services.

I would be glad to answer any questions.