

What's New at HHSi2

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Core Concepts

Data Stewardship is the method by which an organization's data is managed and maintained. This is essential to carrying out a successful enterprise data governance strategy.

Data stewards maintain data definitions, enforce data security rules, and ensure that data is accurate and accessible to those who need it.

Department on Aging Use Case in Development

The Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) has been working with HHSi2 to develop a use case that will demonstrate the value added by the agency's access to data from HHSi2's Illinois Shared Interoperability Platform (ISIP). ISIP will integrate IDoA's data on its Community Care program with data from source systems across the Illinois Health and Human Services enterprise. The Community Care program is critical to seniors who may otherwise need nursing home care, as it helps them to remain in their own homes by providing in-home and community-based services.

IDoA is developing the Aging Cares application, which will interface with ISIP to create a view of each senior's complete history with state benefits and services. IDoA data stewards will work with HHSi2 to ensure that all definitions, security protocols and data quality benchmarks are aligned with agency needs. These data stewards will also approve any requests for ISIP data to ensure that only approved IDoA staff have access.

This collaboration will bring significant tangible and intrinsic benefits to the agency's stakeholders and clients, including seniors and their families, contracted Care Coordinators, and IDoA staff and management. Having more complete and accurate information will give staff a more reliable way to verify an individual's identity. Seeing a person's full history of interactions with state Health and Human Services programs will enable the agency to create a person-centered care plan specifically designed for an individual based on their needs. By identifying all services for which a senior is eligible, IDoA can provide seniors with access to services that enhance their comfort, independence, and quality of life.

Spotlight on... Director Paula Basta, Illinois Department on Aging



"Being able to match participants with more than just their Social Security number will result in a much more complete picture of the person we are serving," said **Paula Basta, Director of IDoA**. "The exciting part is that we will reduce the duplication of efforts among the different state agencies, and at the same time optimize the level of care plans being provided."

Have an idea for a future newsletter, or an ISIP use case? Email us at HHSi2@illinois.gov.

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