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Dear Cornerstone Stakeholder,

I am pleased to announce that the Illinois Department of Human Services will be implementing a process designed to bring the Cornerstone system into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This process will begin this spring and continue over the next two to three years.

This month, you will receive a memorandum from Jo Anne Durkee, DHS's Cornerstone Liaison, announcing the Cornerstone Equipment Refresh Initiative. Every Cornerstone installation will be affected by one or more of the equipment refresh activities, with the oldest installations being the most affected. During the next six months, Cornerstone servers, routers and workstations will be upgraded for faster and more modern processing.

Once the Equipment Refresh Initiative is complete, the Department will release the Windows version of Cornerstone. This version will have all the features of Windows while maintaining the exact program functions appearing in the DOS version of Cornerstone. You may expect a more modern look to the system.

Finally, the Department will begin transitioning Cornerstone to the Internet in March. The first module to move will be immunizations. The Cornerstone development team will work closely with all stakeholders, including the Illinois Department of Public Health, to model the system to the needs of recipients, providers, and local, state and federal programs. Once the immunization Internet module is completed, tested and deployed, the development team will begin the process to redesign another program module for the Internet.

These exciting activities will require a commitment to improvement from all involved. From our past experiences working with stakeholders, I know you will provide the patience, hard work and cooperation that we will need to be successful. I look forward to working with you to bring Cornerstone to the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

Sincerely,

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