

TO: Cornerstone and eCornerstone Agency Administrators  
Local Cornerstone and eCornerstone Liaisons

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SUBJECT: New recipient identification numbers in Cornerstone and eCornerstone

The Illinois Department of Human Services has embarked on a large initiative called Smart Path. The intent of Smart Path is to maximize the integration of services across divisions and streamline processes where possible, a smart path to solving problems. As one part of this larger project, every DHS client is being assigned a Recipient Identification Number (RIN). The RIN will provide DHS with one universal identifier for each participant across all programs. Implementation will start for Cornerstone and eCornerstone during March 2006. An initial download for participants with RINs is scheduled for April 3. Necessary details of the download will be sent via BOD messages.

In the past, a RIN has sometimes been known as a Medicaid number. However, through this process, every active client regardless of Medicaid status will eventually be assigned a RIN. The RIN information will be downloaded to local Cornerstone servers and be viewable on the Medicaid/Insurance (PA05) screen.

Therefore, it cannot be assumed that a client with a RIN has a Medicaid record in the system.

The RIN simply indicates that the client is involved with one of the many DHS programs. For those programs where it is important to know if a client is Medicaid eligible, such as Early Intervention, view the PA05 screen and the Medicaid status will indicate "eligible" and a group number will be present. A DHS only RIN will not have a group number.

The RIN will be assigned to Community Health and Prevention participants centrally, at the state level. No action by local agency staff will be necessary.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.