

Virtual Gateway EIM/ESM: Fiscal Year 2018 Important End of Year Dates and Tips for Providers

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In order to help ensure a smooth transition through the year end for FY2018, please read on for key dates and tips in closing out this fiscal year.

DPH Providers: Refer to Page 3 for Provider Support Information

Final Date to Release and Authorize Positive FY18

- Sunday, August 12th is the final date to release and authorize FY18 billing. This will allow sufficient time for your invoice or SDR to move through the EIM approval process to result in your receipt of payment.
- Remember that provider organizations are required to continue to report expenses and services for the entire time period of their contracts, even if the contract funds have been exhausted.
- **Reminder:** Cost Reimbursement billing cannot be authorized using some versions of Mozilla Firefox. If you have an issue with Firefox then please use Internet Explorer instead.



Important Reminders ...



Contract Amendments

- Remember to stay in communication with your agency contract manager regarding amendment requests.
- Please contact your agency contract manager to find out the last day that line item budget or unit allocation amendment requests can be made for your FY2018 contract.

Mark Your Calendar ...

Key Provider EIM/ESM Dates for FY2018 End of Year	All Providers
FY18 Line Item Budget Amendment Requests for > 10% of contract value	4/30/2018
FY2018 Close	6/30/2018
FY2019 Open	7/1/2018
Final date for providers to release and authorize negative billing	7/12/2018
Final date for FY18 Line Item Budget Amendment Requests	7/31/2018
Last day for providers to submit HIPAA Claims (uploaded by 7:30 AM)	8/11/2018
Final date for providers to release and authorize positive billing	8/12/2018

EIM/ESM Provider Resource Center

Visit the Virtual Gateway website at <https://www.mass.gov/topics/virtual-gateway> for more information.

Provider Job Aids are located at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/eimesm-training-and-user-materials> under the training and User Materials section.

Become a Virtual Gateway User

- VG Service Agreement
- Access Administrator
- User Request Forms

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/become-a-virtual-gateway-user>

Department of Public Health (DPH) Provider Support

Email:
DPH-EEMO-Support@MassMail.State.MA.US

DPH EIM/ESM Management Office: 1-800-232-0093

DPH Providers should follow key date instructions as directed by the DPH EIM/ESM Management Office.

Using the Wild Card (%)

when Searching in EIM/ESM

- Do not enter the wild card '%' as the only criteria in any search Screen field.
- If you enter only '%' in a Search screen, your request will take longer and may not be successful due to the volume of data required to be retrieved.



Reconciliation ... Please Begin Your Year-End Reconciliation Process NOW!

- Consider running the Cost Reimbursement Expenditure Analysis Report to evaluate year-to-date-billing on your Cost Reimbursement contracts.
- The Payment Tracking Report references your internal tracking number (if entered at billing,) and will give you an overview of year to date payments. The report functions for Unit Rate/SDR and Cost Reimbursement contracts.
- The Payment Detail by Client Report provides details on payments by client, day and service code along with any corresponding adjustments for Unit Rate/SDR and HIPAA billing.
- Be mindful, Manual Payments/Adjustments may not be reflected in EIM/ESM for balance reconciliation.

Corrections

- Submit supplemental negative billing for previous months prior to regular positive billing for a new month. Your negative billing needs to be satisfied with subsequent positive billing to spend down your contract properly. If you have multiple months of corrections to make, consult with your agency contract manager prior to submitting the supplemental invoices to ensure smooth processing. The deadline to release and authorize negative billing was July 12, 2018.
- For contracts using the Unit Rate SDR, you must void all services before re-billing – even if the initial claim was rejected or not paid.

HIPAA Billing

- Providers are strongly encouraged to reconcile payables now. HIPAA Claim Status and Payment Detail by Client reports are helpful tools.
- The submission deadline for credit only files or manual voids in EIM was July 13, 2018.
- FY2018 837 batches must be uploaded by 7:30 AM on Saturday August 11th.

Tips on Searching for PRCs/CECs

You can view PRC/CEC details, such as the status and amount, from the PRC/CEC Search screen.

We have found the most providers find it useful to search by:

- Invoice/SDR Reference Number if one was entered when you create an invoice or SDR.
- Contract number
- Service From and Service To dates

If you cannot find a PRC/CEC searching with "PRC/CEC Status", try removing the status and search only by Contract Number and Fiscal Year.

As a reminder REJECTED status is to be expected if your contract funds are completely exhausted. There is only cause for concern/action if you see this status and have funds remaining. If you encounter this situation, please contact your agency contract manager for explanation.

Tips on FY19 Contracts

It is ideal to contact the contract manager in the below scenarios:

- When you try to enroll a client in ESM and the contract does not appear automatically.
- When the Service code (or) Attendance codes are missing in the Service Delivery Report.
- When you come across any kind of account, contract, funding (line item budgets, Max obligations) discrepancies.
- For a new contract, it is a good idea to confirm with the Agency contract manager if a Personal Summary Report, Cost Reimbursement Service Delivery Report (SDR), Accommodation Rate Service Delivery Report (SDR) is mandatory for a particular contract or activity.

EIM/ESM Resources

EIM/ESM Application Availability:

7:00 AM – 1:00 AM

VG EIM/ESM

Business Operations:

If you have remaining questions, you may contact EIM/ESM Business Operations

Email:

EHS-DL-EIM-ESMBusinessOperations@massmail.state.ma.us

When contacting EIM Business Operations with a billing or funding question (s), please provide the following information:

- Your Name
- User ID(s)
- Phone Number
- Provider Organization Name
- Complete Contract Number(s)
- Brief description of the issue

For Billing Issues:

- Contract Type (AR,CR or UR)
- Month & Year of the billing:

For SDR Issues:

- Service Code
- Attendance Status Code

For Client Issues: (Please do not include Client Names)

- Client ID(s)
- HUBLIVE Number (if client missing from DDS SDR)

VG Customer Service

1-800-421-0938

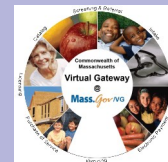
TTY: (617) 847-6578

**Monday – Friday
8:30 am – 5:00 pm**

Reminder: DDS/DMH Client Enrollments

Providers are reminded to contact your agency contract manager as soon as possible if:

- You are seeing duplicate enrollments on your SDR. Your agency contract manager will be able to confirm which enrollment you should use for billing.
- A client is not appearing on your SDR. It is possible that the client is not:
 - Entered into Meditech
 - Enrolled to the correct contract in Meditech
- The agency can make these corrections.
- A client is still appearing on your SDR after s/he no longer receives services. It is possible the client was not yet end dated in Meditech. Your agency can correct the client record.



EIM/ESM Report Requests

When running reports in EIM/ESM, be sure to enter very specific parameters. The more criteria you enter the more efficiently your data will be retrieved. For a job aid on running reports, visit <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/vg/eim-esm/training-reports-job-aid.pdf>

You may have noticed a change to the Client Enrollment Status Report. Users now have the option to run the report with or without client names. If you want to see the names on the report output, select "Non-DI version."

Tips When Using Reports:

- Consider scheduling reports ahead of time or having the results e-mailed to you. The EIM/ESM system allows users to schedule reports to be run Daily and Weekly by the Day of the week or by Date of Month. You can use the 'Run Report and Send Email feature' as well that allows users to begin the processing of a report and send the report as an email attachment. Note: Reports containing client data cannot be emailed.
- While using the Search Reports page to find your completed reports, make sure the "Report Generated Date From" date is on or before the date when you ran the report.
- DO NOT run a report for your entire organization. Always select as many criteria as possible when running a report. The narrower your parameters, the more successful your results will be!
- Report data are generally a day behind. If you need a report with today's information, please run it tomorrow.

Note for Access Administrators

User Request Forms (URFs) are processed as they are received. If submitted users have not received an invitation to the online training, please review your email to see if you have received instructions on how to correct your form before calling Customer Service. (Please note training is required for all new role types. Failure to respond in a timely fashion may result in billing and payment delays. Do not wait until the fiscal year deadlines to see who has access to bill since this will cause delays due to onboarding and/or training requirements.

- Ensure that billing staff have: (Includes contingent billing staff.)
 - Completed all training requirements
 - Have obtained necessary access
- Consider providing EIM/ESM access for a backup user in case of absences or vacations. Do not wait until billing requires submission immediately to request access for a second user. Also, remind users to never share Virtual Gateway user IDs.
- Always download the recent most EIM/ESM URF when requesting new user access or new roles. <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/user-request-forms>.