



Department of Children and Youth Memo 26-003

TO: Ohio Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) users who complete any of the following activities:

- Eligibility/Reimbursability records
- KPIP Applications
- KGAP Applications
- Workers with a Financial Workload

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SUBJECT: Deployment Communication for Ohio SACWIS-RTIS Release 4.44

What problem are we trying to solve?

Updates have been made to the Ohio Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) and Ohio Residential Treatment Information System (RTIS) in Release 4.44 to the following areas:

- Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC)/Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medicaid Assistance (ICAMA)
- Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) Transition Funds
- Financial Workload
- Kinship Permanency Incentive Program (KPIP)
- Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program (KGAP)
- Ohio Benefits (OB) Medicaid Interface

What can you expect?

The following changes are being made within Ohio SACWIS:

Person Module:

- When education information is retrieved from the OB system, users will be able to pull the data into the Person Profile under Education. These records will display with a Source System Code of "OB".



Intake Module:

- The NEICE (National Electronic Interstate Compact Enterprise) system does not accept “Multi-racial,” which was causing errors when trying to send ICPC requests for children with these race values. Ohio SACWIS will send all race values for the child except “Multi-racial (one or more races unknown).” If the child’s only race value is “Multi-racial (all races unknown),” the system will send “Unable to Determine.”
- When an ICAMA record is copied from one child to another, the Managed Care Organization (MCO) field now contains values so the MCO can be selected.
- The Intake Narrative field counter has been updated from 20,000 to 60,000 characters to accommodate Taking Early Action Matters (TEAM) Ohio intakes. While Ohio SACWIS has stored more than 20,000 characters since TEAM Ohio integration, the counter was still limited and users would see a validation message saying, “Intake Narrative cannot exceed 20,000 characters” when viewing the Intake. This message has also been updated to display only if the narrative exceeds the 60,000-character limit.

Case Module:

- In Retrieve Ohio Benefits, the Medicaid Information tab will show upcoming Medicaid coverage for youth whose Medicaid will transition from their family coverage to custody coverage at a future date.
- If a child’s legal custody ends and custody is given to a non-relative, a relative, or a legal guardian, and the child has an active Federal KGAP record, the caregiver’s information will appear in the Legal Custodian / Guardian section.
- The alert created when ending a Bridges Dependent has been updated to align with Ohio SACWIS alert message standards.
- A validation has been added on case closure if there is an active ICPC record.
- A new message will display on the Legal Guardianship record when a person has been selected as the Guardian who does not have a current address.

Finance Module:

- Financial workload is being updated to show KGAP Connections to 21 (C21) records.
- The display for Reimbursability is being updated to not show QRTP Assessment records that have been created in error.
- QRTP Transition Funds is being updated as follows:
 - When a legal custody episode is ended and the termination reason is ‘Child AWOL’ or ‘Child Died’ the associated child location will have a matching



- discharge reason inserted to prevent transition funds from being issued for children who have been determined not approved for a QRTP placement.
- These reasons will not be editable in the Child Location record.
- KPIP Applications that are in an approved status will now have certain fields that can be edited if the application does not have any positive payments. Those fields are:
 - Application date
 - Income
 - Member Status
 - Add/Remove Members
 - Comments
 - Narratives
- The KGAP Determination/Approval tab is being updated to save values in dropdowns that were previously added.
- The State Disbursement screen is being updated to display payments based on the logged in Agency, and payments viewed with the expedite dropdown (Awaiting Disbursement Process) will now only be for the logged in agency. Agencies will still be able to view payments for programs issued by the state (e.g. PASSS, KGAP, OGAP)
- The OB Medicaid Interface is being updated to ensure a youth's health insurance information is sent correctly when the court issues the ruling of Child Support - Health Insurance Ordered.
- A View link will appear for any end-dated Health Coordinators on the Medicaid Eligibility screen.
- Medicaid transactions for Adoption Subsidies in the OB Interface will now correctly communicate whether the youth is Title IV-E eligible based on the type of subsidy. This will help ensure that the most appropriate Medicaid aide category is assigned.

How can you prepare?

No new or updated Knowledge Articles (KAs) are part of this release.

Deployment Details

Release 4.44 will be deployed into production on Thursday, January 15, 2026.

Who to contact?

If you have additional questions pertaining to this Deployment Communication, please visit the [Customer Care Center](#) for assistance.