



Framework Vendor - IBM Cúram

- The State of North Carolina has implemented Cúram Software as part of the NC FAST Program.
- In 2008, NC DHHS purchased Cúram Software, the leading provider of solutions for social program management. IBM acquired the Cúram company in December, 2011.
- IBM, the largest information technology company in North Carolina, has had a significant presence in the State for over 50 years and is proud to support DHHS and North Carolina as you deliver services to eligible citizens across the State.



Software Integrator - Accenture

- Accenture LLP – global management consulting, technology and outsourcing company - NC offices in Raleigh and Charlotte.
- Long and successful track record working with the State of NC.
- Broad experience with other state, federal and local governments supporting health and human service programs.
- State's solution integrator for NC FAST – working side-by-side with state personnel on all aspects of implementation including design, development, testing, architecture/infrastructure, case conversion, training development/delivery, implementation readiness/change management, operations and maintenance.



N.C. Department of Health
and Human Services

NC FAST Update

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Case Management System

- Delivers state benefits and services at the county level
- 90% business process change management, 10% technology
- Introduces modern technology and new business practices
- New and different way of taking applications
- Reduce time spent doing paperwork
- Replaces 19 legacy systems
- Shares client data across all benefitting programs
- Applies federal rules, built into the system
- Uses new “universal worker” approach



In-Scope Programs

Economic Benefits

- Child Care
- Food and Nutrition Services
- Medicaid / SCHIP
- Work First
- Energy Assistance
 - Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)
 - Crisis Intervention Program (CIP)
- Special Assistance
- Refugee Assistance

Services

- Child Welfare
- Adult and Family Services

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Project 1: *Global Case Management & Food and Nutrition Services (FNS)*

- 19 months of design, development and testing
- May 2012, began rollout with pilot counties
- March 2013, completed rollout to all 100 counties
- All 100 counties using NC FAST to take FNS applications
- Lessons Learned:
 - Revised approach to Soft Launch and Hard Launch
 - Food Stamp Legacy System retired over time
 - Help Desk, Training, Communications
 - Additional project staffing, including creation of On-Site Support staff



Projects 2&6: *Work First, Medicaid, Special Assistance, Refugee Assistance*

- Eligibility Information System
- Employment Program Information System
- Screening and intake functionality
- Eligibility determination functionality, scheduled for a later date, was moved up in schedule to satisfy federal Affordable Care Act requirements
- On July 15, loaded functionality for EIS; pilot production began in 4 Pilot Counties; followed by Soft Launch



Challenges

- More complicated-looking screens due to ACA requirements
- Productivity slowdown in July and August; increased backlog
- Connectivity issues: Google Chrome workaround
- Bandwidth issues: bandwidth formulas, desktop support, webinars
- NCID service interruptions



Using All Available Resources

- NC FAST staff processing county backlog cases
- The State adding 160+ on-site support staff for counties:
 - To satisfy federally-mandated presumptive eligibility requirements (July/Aug) to address potential increased liability to the state in Medicaid payments
 - To provide continuous presence in counties for support (more super-users and daily county task support)
 - To augment the Help Desk and “swat team” staff
- Improved Help Desk processes, added staff
- Virtual training courses now available
- Monitoring food banks



Using All Available Resources

FNS Monthly Activity Trends - New Applications and Recertifications - As of October 2, 2013															
County	Completed Month	New Applications Processed				Last Certified Month	Month Closed If not Recertified	Total Potential Recertification	Recertifications Completed				Recertifications Closed Automatically	% Recertifications Closed Automatically	
		In NC FAS	In FSIS	TOTAL	% in FAS				In NC FAS	In FSIS	TOTAL	% in FAS			
Alamance (1)	February	October	466	262	728	36%	October	November	1,830		1,430	1,430	100%	321	18%
		November	500	48	548	9%	November	December	1,686		1,170	1,170	100%	36	2%
		December	565		565		December	January	1,831		1,267	1,267	100%	75	4%
		January	624		624		January	February	1,686		1,153	1,153	100%	335	20%
		February	522		522		February	March	1,811	255	916	1,171	78%	402	22%
		March	647		647		March	April	1,863	1,166		1,166		401	22%
		April	774		774		April	May	1,747	1,388		1,388		328	19%
		May	810		810		May	June	1,600	1,258		1,258		336	21%
		June	671		671		June	July	1,795	1,401		1,401		266	15%
		July	666		666		July	August	1,592	1,244		1,244		187	12%
		August	676		676		August	September	1,728	1,210		1,210		430	25%
		September	429		429		September	October	1,876	376		376			
		October	17		17		October	November	1,738	1		1			
Alexander (2)															
January	October	151	12	163	7%	October	November	411		368	368	100%	84	20%	
		November	104	3	107	3%	November	December	421		169	169	100%	78	19%
		December	136		136		December	January	420		298	298	100%	73	17%
		January	147		147		January	February	433	164	144	308	47%	82	19%
		February	164		164		February	March	406	275		275		88	22%
		March	165		165		March	April	419	325		325		97	23%
		April	166		166		April	May	383	312		312		83	22%
		May	156		156		May	June	400	306		306		88	22%
		June	144		144		June	July	433	343		343		66	15%
		July	161		161		July	August	430	339		339		47	11%
		August	199		199		August	September	377	300		300		62	16%
		September	123		123		September	October	399	207		207			
		October	7		7		October	November	402	1		1			
Allegheny (3)															
January	October	31	8	39	21%	October	November	111		100	100	100%	16	14%	
		November	51	1	52	2%	November	December	120		79	79	100%	21	18%
		December	44		44		December	January	130		94	94	100%	14	11%
		January	54		54		January	February	120	25	68	93	73%	17	14%
		February	49		49		February	March	122	87		87		21	17%
		March	37		37		March	April	112	100		100		10	9%
		April	43		43		April	May	110	89		89		17	15%
		May	58		58		May	June	111	93		93		15	14%
		June	37		37		June	July	139	121		121		11	8%
		July	58		58		July	August	133	110		110		12	9%
		August	54		54		August	September	113	97		97		14	12%
		September	21		21		September	October	112	55		55			
		October	0		0		October	November	124	1		1			

- Spreadsheet sent to Fiscal Research.
- Spreadsheet shows the county numbers for recertifications and new applications.
- Spreadsheet shows that 82 counties processed their August recertifications in line with their normal month's processing.

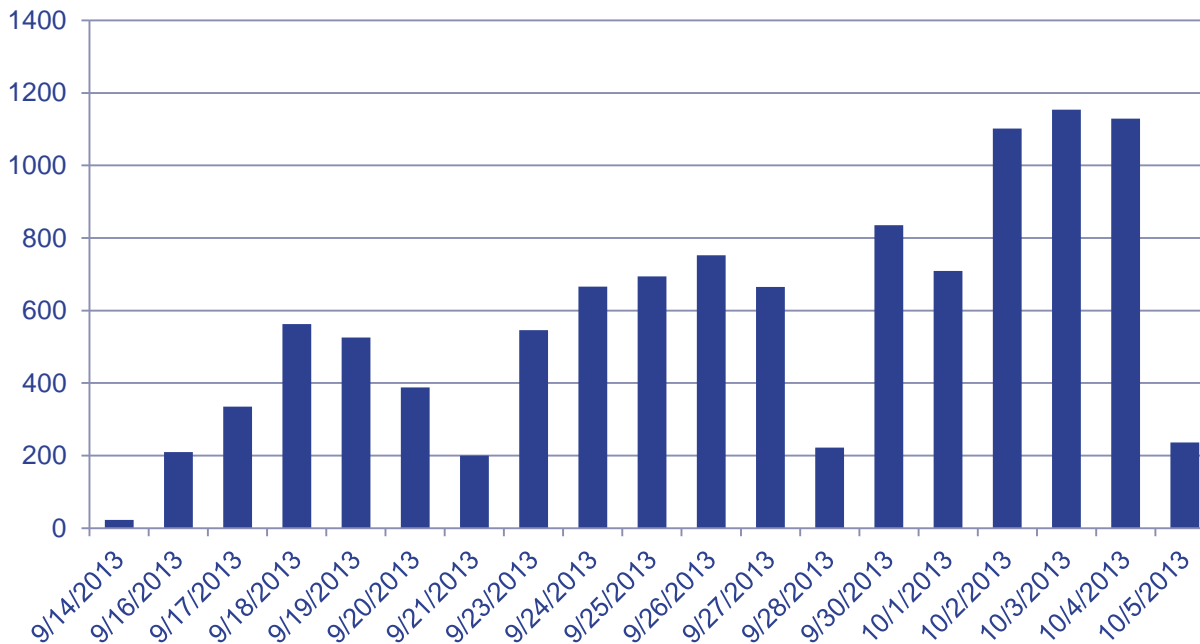
- 96 out of 100 counties processing new applications at normal pace
- 82 counties processing recertifications at normal pace



Recertification Processing Support

- Received – 14 counties total
- Completed: Alamance, Cabarrus, Greene, Iredell, Lincoln, Stanly, Caldwell, Craven (8 counties)
- In process: Mecklenburg, Cumberland, Martin, Surry, Wake (5 counties)
- In queue: Richmond (received at the end of last week) (1 county)

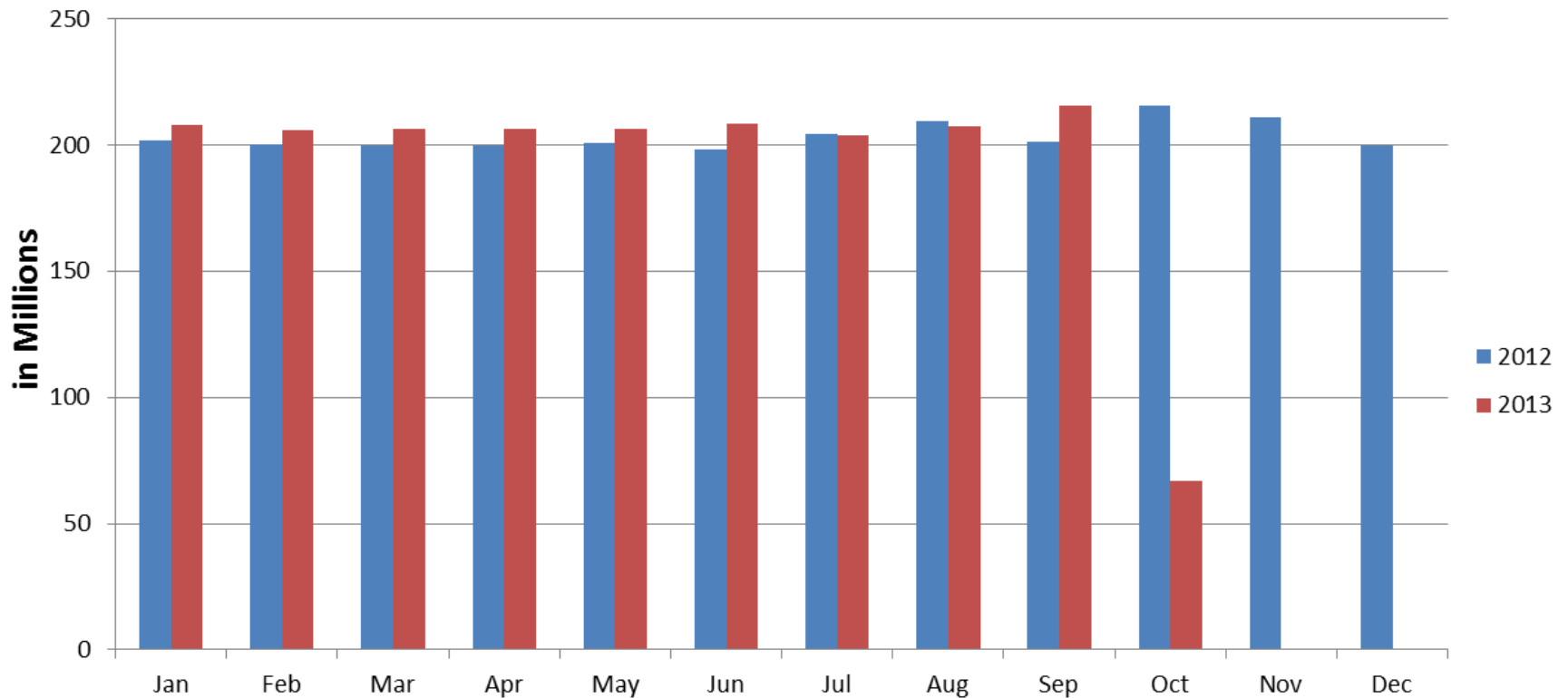
Recertification Counts By Day



Total Recerts
Processed
to date:
10937/13456



FNS Issuances 2012-2013



Through Oct 7th, \$66M of the expected average \$200M monthly issuance has been paid.



Project 7: ACA

- New Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) ruleset for 8 Family and Children's Medicaid programs
- Receiving Medicaid applications through multiple channels
 - Federally-Facilitated Marketplace (FFM) – federal healthcare reform portal
 - ePASS – Must support both a “streamlined” MAGI application and a “traditional” Medicaid application
 - Walk-in – Must support entry of applications received from persons who walk into county DSS offices
- MAGI eligible programs take effect January 1, 2014
- Federal de-scoping

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