Executive Steering Committee (ESC) Update
Minnesota Eligibility Technology System (METS)

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- **Approval Requests**

- **METS Updates**

- **Standing topics**

New Projects

- METS H.R.1 Changes

Project Description

Enhance the Minnesota Eligibility Technology System (METS) to implement policy and eligibility updates related to:

- Revised noncitizen eligibility criteria
- Updated limitations on retroactive Medicaid Assistance (MA)
- Implementation of six-month renewal requirements for designated enrollee populations
- Introduction of community engagement requirements for applicable enrollees

Benefits Analysis

System work is needed to maintain coverage for eligible enrollees, ensure Minnesota is compliant with the federal requirements, and minimize the burden on processing agencies.

Impact of NOT Completing

Minnesota will be out of compliance with federal law, or workarounds will be needed.

Details of the project include:

- Funding Source: APD/ Federal Grant
  - An "As Needed APD Update" is in progress.
- Budget Amount: $13.4 million
- Business "Need by Date": January 1, 2027
- Ongoing Costs: Unknown
- Final Targeted METS Release: December 2026
- Impacts: Public programs only

- **Projects Added to Portfolio**

- **Projects Activated**

- **MNIT - Open Enrollment Update**

METS H.R.1 Change

1115(a) Waiver Reentry and Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA)

METS H.R.1 Change

- Successful Open Enrollment

- Established processes and procedures have ensured stability and smooth operations (virtual command center and the MNIT change freeze).

- Experienced some issues that were quickly resolved

Standing Topics

- METS SFY26 Roadmap Overview

- Upcoming Deliverables

- Stoplight Status of Projects

SFY26 Roadmap

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Work Effort	Project	Status	Work Type	Start Date	Next Go-Live Date	End Date	Agcy Cost Code	Program Funding	APD
HCCS IVR Phone System	Yes	In Progress	Development	10/03/22	10/22/25	01/30/26Δ	47086	Public	No
Minnesota Paid Leave - METS	Yes	In Progress	Development	03/03/25	12/21/25	03/06/26	47013	Public	Yes
Expansion of MA for Former Foster Care Basis of Eligibility	Yes	In Progress	Development	03/03/24	02/22/26	03/22/26	47121	Public	Yes
QHP Eligibility System Transition Project (QEST)	Yes	In Progress	Development	06/21/23	06/26/26	11/12/26	47089	Private	No
METS H.R.1 Changes Δ	Yes	In Progress	Development	01/09/26	02/22/26	02/20/27	47363	Public	Yes
M&O: Non-Project work	No	In Progress	Ongoing / Annual Work	On Going	04/26/26Δ		Benifitting Program	Public	No
Continuous Eligibility for Children	Yes	Closed	Development	05/10/23	08/17/25	09/30/25	47122	Public	Yes
Increasing Health Care Access and Affordability-TEFRA	Yes	Closed	Development	07/29/24		10/07/25	47033	Public	Yes
MinnesotaCare for Noncitizens not Lawfully Present (MinnesotaCare NNLP)	Yes	Closed Δ	Development	02/06/24	09/28/25	12/17/25	47103	Technical	No

New Development Projects

Roadmap Efforts	Current Phase	SFY26 Q2 Fall Release Timeframe	SFY26 Q3 Winter Release Timeframe	SFY26 Q4 Spring Release Timeframe Δ	SFY26 Q4 Spring Release Timeframe	SFY27 Q1 Summer Release Timeframe	SFY27 Q1 Summer Release Timeframe Δ	SFY27 Q2 Fall Release Timeframe
HCCS IVR Phone System	Ongoing	Complete	Closing					
Minnesota Paid Leave - METS	Ongoing	Complete	Deliv- Targeted	Closing				
Expansion of MA for Former Foster Care Basis of Eligibility	Ongoing	In Progress	Firm	Closing				
QHP Eligibility System Transition Project (QEST)	Ongoing	In Progress	In Progress	In Progress	Firm	Targeted	Closing	
METS H.R.1 Changes Δ	Ongoing	Discovery	Planning	Targeted	Targeted	Targeted	Targeted	Targeted

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| Planned Project planning is underway. | In Progress Project work is in In Progress | Preliminary Best guess at or near project start as to when the project will deploy. | Targeted Project/effort is In Progress working to deliver in the specified release timeframe. | Firm Project/effort is approved to deliver to METS platform in the specified release timeframe. | Deliv- Targeted Deliverables only, Not in a major or 99 release | Complete Project/effort successfully delivered in the specified release timeframe. | Closed Project is closed in Planview | On Hold Project placed on hold by the SGG or unanimous agreement of Project Sponsors. |

Ongoing/Annual Work

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LoginMN - Human Services Divisions	Ongoing	In Progress	In Progress	In Progress	**Firm**	Closing		
Operational Report Requests	Ongoing	Complete	Deliv- Targeted	Deliv- Targeted	Deliv- Targeted	Deliv- Targeted	Deliv- Targeted	Deliv- Targeted
M&O: Non-Project Work	Ongoing	Complete	Deliv- Targeted	Deliv- Targeted	Deliv- Targeted	Deliv- Targeted	Deliv- Targeted	Deliv- Targeted
M&O: METS Input Group Work	Ongoing	n/a	**Firm**	n/a	**Firm**	**Firm**	**Firm**	Planning

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Fall METS Release includes (deployed Sun, December 21, 2025):

- Minnesota Paid Leave – METS
- HCCS IVR Phone System
- METS Input Group Work

Other Fall deliverables:

- M&O: Non-Project work
- Operational Report Requests

Winter METS Release includes (deploys Sun, February 22, 2026):

- Expansion of MA for Former Foster Care Basis of Eligibility
- M&O: Non-Project Work
- METS Input Group Work

Other Winter deliverables:

- Minnesota Paid Leave - METS
- M&O: Non-Project work
- Operational Report Requests

Spring METS Release includes (deploys Sun, April 26, 2026):

- METS H.R.1 Changes

Other Spring deliverables:

- M&O: Non-Project work
- Operational Report Requests

Spring 2026 Release Timeframe

Spring METS Release includes (deploys Sun, June 26, 2026):

- LoginMN - Human Services Divisions
- METS H.R.1 Changes
- QHP Eligibility System Transition Project (QEST)
- METS Input Group Work

Other Spring deliverables:

- M&O: Non-Project work
- Operational Report Requests

Summer 2026 Release Timeframe (August)

Summer METS Release includes (deploys Sun, August 23, 2026):

- METS H.R.1 Changes
- QHP Eligibility System Transition Project (QEST)
- METS Input Group Work

Other Summer deliverables:

- M&O: Non-Project work
- Operational Report Requests

Summer 2026 Release Timeframe (September)

Summer METS Release includes (deploys Sun, September 27, 2026):

- METS H.R.1 Changes
- METS Input Group Work

Other Summer deliverables:

- M&O: Non-Project work
- Operational Report Requests

Fall METS Release includes (deploys Sun, December 20, 2026):

- METS H.R.1 Changes

Other Summer deliverables:

- M&O: Non-Project work
- Operational Report Requests

Stoplight Status of Projects
(as at 02/16/2026)

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Release Timeframe	Project Name	Status	
26.2.1	QHP Eligibility System Transition Project (QEST)	Yellow	→
26.1.2^Δ, 26.2.1^Δ, 26.3.1^Δ, 26.4.1^Δ, 26.5.1^Δ	METS H.R.1 Changes	Yellow	↑
26.1.1	Expansion of MA for Former Foster Care Basis of Eligibility	Green	→
25.2.1, 25.3.1, 25.4.1	HCCS IVR Phone System	Green	→
25.4.1	Minnesota Paid Leave - METS	Green	→

Thank You

Next Scheduled Meeting
Tuesday, May 26, 2026