

Project Update:

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Greetings from the Senior and Disabilities Services Project Team.

The Automated Service Plan (ASP) project began a couple of years ago when SDS staff began planning how to enhance our current data system, DS3, to better meet our programmatic needs. After completing our think-out-of-the-box planning phase, we requested and received support from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

For the past few months we have been in the procurement process of engaging a contractor to help bring our vision to reality. SDS is intending to use Harmony Information Systems to implement the ASP project. As part of our research, SDS staff went to review the Massachusetts data system last month. Massachusetts uses Harmony Information Systems' products to manage their Long Term Care and Home and Community Based programs.

We were very impressed with their use of Harmony and saw many program functions similar to Alaska's working well. The state staff and the end users greatly appreciate the Harmony system. Though they have been using the system for a few years, they continue to find additional benefits and uses as they move forward. The Massachusetts staff and end users offered us many bits of wisdom from the implementation there. We gathered a wealth of information.

While we have envisioned getting our processes and information onto the web for many years, it is finally happening. With Harmony having developed expertise implementing their products in over 30 states, we are confident we will see this ASP project come to fruition.

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