

# WINNIE the Scoop! Newsletter #17

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**Please share this information with all WIC Information System users!**

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## Timeline for Phase 1 of UAT

CDP (the SPIRIT Web software developer/contractor) provided four timeline alternatives to resolve the defects identified during Requirements Validation Testing (RVT) and begin the first phase of UAT. The SPIRIT User GROUP (SUG) voted, and all agreed on, the following timeline:

- March – August, 2022 – Resolution of identified RVT issues by developer
- August – September, 2022 – System Integration Testing by developer
- September 19 – November 10, 2022 – Phase 1 UAT

Currently, SUG Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) members are meeting every week for a couple of hours to review the identified defects and ensure the solutions meet requirements and will allow the function/feature to work as expected by the users. CDP is implementing defect fix releases every two weeks in the RVT environment so that the STAC members can re-test the defects and verify their fixes.

The timeline for Phase 2 UAT is still dependent on assessing the defects found in Phase 1 UAT. For now, we can tentatively assume that Pilot and Rollout will occur in mid-to-late 2023 and we will provide the timeline at least 6 months prior to the start of Pilot.

## Question & Answers

Remember! Questions about WINNIE should be submitted using the [WINNIE Questions for the State Office](#) form. All questions will be answered monthly and posted on the [WINNIE Questions & Answers](#) page, as well as included in the WINNIE the Scoop! monthly newsletter

## The WINNIE Application/Software

WINNIE is not considered a "new" system since the database is the same and the internal code is simply being rewritten. However, the very nature of making the system browser-based will cause it to look and feel very different to users.

Therefore, going forward we will take a look at some of the screens in WINNIE and some exciting new changes that will be coming. Instead of providing print screens this month, we have posted a "module" online that will provide a second general overview of Issuing Benefits (issuance frequency, edit, direct ship).

[Benefit Issuance Overview #2 Module \(HTML5/10 minutes\)](#)

[Benefit Issuance Overview #2 Script \(PDF\)](#)

NOTE! If the audio doesn't play when the module is first opened, please click the Pause button followed by the Play button.

## Future Newsletters

Next month, we will provide an overview of adjust benefits (Food Adjustment Wizard in WINNIE), including voiding and how to make simple changes to issued benefits.

## References – listing of all hyperlinks

WINNIE Questions for the State WIC Office

(<https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=YKT3FL3MHT>)

WINNIE Questions & Answers

(<https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/wic/localagency/infosystem/winnieqanda>)

Benefit Issuance Overview #2 Module (HTML5/10minutes)

(<https://www.health.state.mn.us/training/cfh/wic/winnie/scoop/issueben2/index.html>)

Benefit Issuance Overview #2 Script (PDF)

(<https://www.health.state.mn.us/docs/people/wic/localagency/winnie/scoop/scripts/issben2.pdf>)

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