The METS Summer 2017 Release successfully deployed over the weekend of June 17, 2017. Below are highlights of the items included in the release, with key benefits noted for each item.

Cúram Eligibility System Upgrade (v7.0)

Included with the Cúram upgrade to Version 7.0 are user experience changes (layout, colors, text and icons), updates to improve consistency across screen views and navigation, and enhanced eligibility viewer enhancements allowing caseworkers to view additional income and evidence details that will help to respond to customer questions about eligibility.

Also included are a number of fixes that address Minnesota-specific defects, focused on improving caseworker efficiency, compliance with Minnesota eligibility requirements, and reducing the need for manual corrections.

Benefits: Upgrading to the most recent version of Cúram ensures that Minnesota is staying current with the latest software and fixes that are built into the upgrades.

MMIS Interface (Includes Redesign)

Work towards the full redesign of the METS-MMIS Interface in the Summer Release includes the first phases of updating METS event messages or triggers from the current one generic message to six distinct event messages. The Summer Release includes work on the auto-close message.

Benefits: The creation of distinct event messages will improve performance, allowing the interface to more efficiently pass data between systems and reduce the risk for rejections or errors.

Notices

Notices work in the Summer Release includes the splitting of the Standard Eligibility Notice – which includes boilerplate text and logo changes, as well as fixes to existing defects.

Benefits: Providing clearer and more accurate information on notices, and ensuring that notices are generated correctly, helps to reduce consumer confusion and related calls to caseworkers.
Defect Fixes

The Summer Release includes defect fixes that address compliance and process issues, many related to notices and renewals. These defects were identified by a Project Team focused on resolving high priority defects that cause problems for consumers and workarounds for caseworkers.

**Benefits:** Addressing defects that cause frequent issues for consumers and caseworkers will improve caseworker efficiency and overall program integrity.

**Note:** Planned Supervisor Workspace and Org/Location Structure functionality was held back from the deployment due to a blocker – defined as a severe code defect which must be resolved or the desired functionality will be non-existent/nonfunctional. A fix is currently being worked on, and the expectation is that the functionality will deploy in early July.