

NEW MCFAS VERSION

Features Several Enhancements

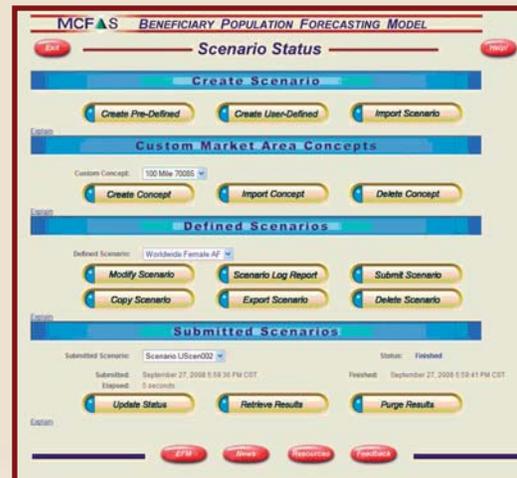
The latest version of the Managed Care Forecasting and Analysis System (MCFAS) has been released and features enhancements to the forecasting tool.

The enhancements include historic population data from FY1995-2007 and forecasts from FY2008-2015 in the MCFAS Beneficiary Population Forecasting Model (BPFM) and adding the ability to build custom reports in the MCFAS Custom Market Area Tool (CMAT).

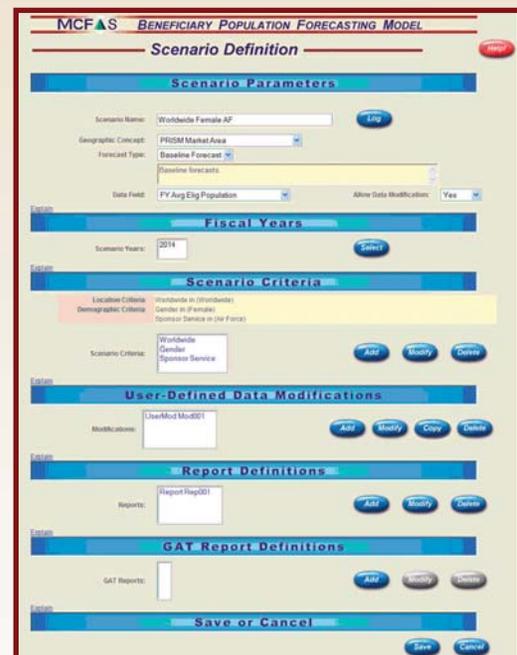
Coming soon to MCFAS is a new Web-based Geographic Analysis Dashboard for spatial analyses and queries of the Geographic Analysis Tool (GAT) and the CMAT. MCFAS users will also be able to build pre-defined, Service-approved what-if alternative planning forecasts in the BPFM. These enhancements are scheduled to be released in early 2009.

Improvements to the Geographic Information System report in the BPFM and the Enrollment Forecasting Model will allow up to 12 columns of data to be loaded directly into the GAT. GAT will allow users to create, view, and print maps based on population or other numeric data. CMAT helps users build custom zip code-based market areas and define markets with specific geographic information such as facility locations, zip code boundaries and points, drive time and straight-line distances.

MCFAS is the officially sanctioned source of population forecasts for Military Health System (MHS) planning and budgeting. MCFAS forecasts MHS beneficiary populations from worldwide coverage down to individual zip codes. MCFAS users include MHS managed care analysts, health care planners, and financial analysts.



Scenario status screen shot



Scenario definition screen shot

DHSS CELEBRATIONS

Honor Trailboss Heroes

DHSS held celebrations recognizing the individuals who helped guarantee the successful migration of its entire executive information infrastructure to a new Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) Defense Enterprise Computing Center (DECC) in less than 12 months.

The celebrations were held in DHSS's executive office in Falls Church, Va., and at the new DISA DECC. More than 75 people received specially designed certificates of appreciation from DHSS and enjoyed refreshments donated for both events.

The celebrations featured accolades delivered by Joint Medical Services Deputy Program Executive Officer Verlin Hardin, DHSS Program Manager Dan Magee, and DHSS Principal Deputy Program Manager Mike Veasey. They each expressed their

appreciation of the "Herculean effort" required to meet Trailboss's tight timeline and described it as a model of successful teamwork.

The multi-million-dollar migration entitled "Trailboss" began in September 2007 and involved relocating 10 applications and services onto stronger, bigger, and faster hardware. Typically, a migration of this size requires up to 24 months to complete.

The Trailboss migration moved more than 300 terabytes of data onto servers with the capacity to hold up to one petabyte of data. These new servers operate on a reduced physical and energy consumption footprint and deliver more than double the relative performance computing power and faster data loading and user queries.



One of the teams recognized at the Falls Church event, left. DHSS Program Manager Dan Magee recognizes Verlin Hardin, JMIS Deputy PEO.



Dr. Magee clips the Celebration ribbon at the DISA celebration. Below, individuals recognized at the celebration.



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MHS INSIGHT

Featured in Government Health IT News

The Military Health System (MHS) Values Dashboard is featured in an article in Government Health IT News entitled, "DOD debuts tool to display health care performance data." The article by Peter Buxbaum was published on November 14, 2008, and reports how the dashboard display tool quickly allows users to access health care performance data automatically compiled by MHS Insight. The MHS Values Dashboard displays data on an enterprise basis for over 50 health care service performance measures developed for MHS Insight. MHS Insight is the MHS standardized dashboard of executive performance measures and actionable initiatives. MHS Insight clinic-level users create and display measures that have local management relevance and link to executive Balanced Scorecard measures. MHS Insight reports real-time, actionable data to help direct management's efforts and monitors key data to increase performance accountability and helps leadership identify performance trends for appropriate action. The article is available at <http://www.govhealthit.com/online/news/350681-1.html>.

MHS LEARN

Releases Civilian Provider Portal

On November 11, 2008, MHS Learn in partnership with TMA Communications and Customer Service deployed the Civilian Provider Portal via www.health.mil. This pilot program offers 17 continuing medical education credits in the areas of post traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury to civilian contractors around the world. MHS Learn is an enterprise training delivery and management system with an expanding library of more than 1,800 medically related courses in partnership with Veterans Affairs and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

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