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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We are planning a minor release for the Federal Parent Locator Service (FPLS) and other federal systems. This document describes the schedule and content of Release 18-02.

Note: The official implementation date for Release 18-02 is April 20, 2018. However, the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) will implement release changes at other times. You can view the other dates on the page that describes the change.

The Release Schedule focuses on four main events:

- Notification of the release contents
- Release of the detailed specifications
- Review and discussion of enhancements at the monthly Division of Federal Systems (DFS) and state conference calls
- Implementation of the software changes

Release 18-02 changes will enhance the Child Support Portal.

We will discuss Manifest topics in the DFS March conference call, and will distribute the Specifications via email in April.

LIST OF ENHANCEMENTS	
Title	Proposed Implementation
Modify Existing Case Closure Statements in QUICK to Remove CFR Citations (OCSE Ref. # CLI-6861)	April 2018
Modify NDNH Date of Address for New Hires (OCSE Ref. # CLI-6872)	April 2018
Portal Compliance with Federal Security Requirements (OCSE Ref. # DCO-6683)	June 2018

System	QUERY INTERSTATE CASES FOR KIDS (QUICK)
Title	Modify Existing Case Closure Statements in QUICK to Remove CFR Citations (OCSE Ref. # CLI-6861)
Proposed Changes	We are modifying existing case closure statements in QUICK to remove the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) citations.
Impact	States do not need to modify their systems for this change. OCSE will remove the CFR citations. For states receiving updates through Extensible Markup Language (XML), OCSE will distribute the updated case activities Schema Definition (XSD) so you can update your systems with these changes.
Business Requirements or Benefit	To modify CFR citations updated in the Child Support Final Rule.
Reason	To comply with the Child Support Final Rule published in December 2016.
Point of Contact	Portal Help Desk csportal@acf.hhs.gov
Targeted Release Date	April 2018

System	NATIONAL DIRECTORY OF NEW HIRES (NDNH)
Title	Modify NDNH Date of Address for New Hires (OCSE Ref. # CLI-6872)
Proposed Changes	We are enhancing the New Hire record we return to you through the Federal Case Registry (FCR) to furnish a more accurate date of address on New Hire Locates and Proactive Matches (Locate Source Response Agency Code "H99"). The Date of Address field will contain either the date of hire or zeroes if no date of hire is present.
Impact	States may need to code and process the Date of Address Format Indicator (position 366) for '0' or '4,' or test for zero in the Date of Address (positions 367-374) before processing the Date of Address field on H99, New Hire Proactive Matches and Locate Responses.
Business Requirements or Benefit	States will have more accurate reporting for the Date of Address.
Reason	This enhancement was identified during Portal Modernization discussions with states.
Point of Contact	Portal Help Desk csportal@acf.hhs.gov
Targeted Release Date	April 2018

System	DATA CENTER OPERATIONS (DCO)
Title	Portal Compliance with Federal Security Requirements (OCSE Ref. # DCO-6683)
Proposed Changes	<p>We are enhancing Child Support Portal (Portal) security to comply with Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) Publication 140-2, Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules. This is a federal government standard used to approve cryptographic modules. We will incorporate the FIPS Object Module, a new and stronger encryption algorithm, on our state proxy server.</p> <p>To continue accessing the Portal, states must make this change by June 30, 2018.</p>
Impact	<p>States may need to upgrade their proxy server to maintain connectivity with the Portal. States may also need to make changes to their network firewall or operating system. Technical staff will be available to assist states if needed.</p> <p>Note: Some states may lose connectivity if they use non-approved algorithms or FIPS-approved algorithms with unsafe key lengths.</p>
Business Requirements or Benefit	Ensure Portal security and adhere to federal security requirements.
Reason	In accordance with federal security requirements from FIPS 140-2, we are enhancing Portal security.
Point of Contact	Portal Help Desk csportal@acf.hhs.gov
Targeted Release Date	June 30, 2018