

Waiver for NITC 8-302

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Agency name: DHHS – Behavioral Health

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Title of the NITC Standards and Guidelines document at issue: NITC 8-302: Identity and Access Management Standard for State Government Agencies

Description of the problem or issue: The DHHS Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) entered into a contract with Orion Healthcare Technology to provide a custom built, centralized data system (CDS) which will allow DBH to review, monitor, and report on programmatic, administrative and fiscal accountability functions with all DBH and Regional Behavioral Health Authorities' contracted providers. The system will collect and report on treatment and prevention data, including authorization of services and billing reconciliations into order to better meet the analytical and data needs of DBH.

The application user interface will be presented through a DHHS SharePoint portal. A custom login page will require authentication of the users against the DHHS Active Directory. In addition to the user's identity, the authentication service will provide a list of groups that the user is associated with. These user and group identities can then be assigned privileges within the system. The entire application is running on the DHHS domain and therefore authentication against the DHHS Active Directory is necessary.

DBH will be working with the new web-based version of software in 2016. Testing on the application will begin in late summer of 2015.

Description of the agency's preferred solution, including a listing of the specific requirement(s) for which a waiver is requested: DHHS is requesting a waiver to 8-302 standard. The new web based system will use the DHHS Active Directory and application level security instead of Nebraska Directory Services for authentication and authorization of users.

Any additional information and justification showing good cause for the requested waiver: This system will have approximately 600 internal/external authorized users some of them are already defined in the DHHS active directory. Users include internal DBH staff and providers/regions. Management of the external access will be handled through Behavioral Health and the Orion Help Desk who know and interact with their external partners.