
N-FOCUS Interim Release

Combined All Divisions

October 19, 2025

An Interim Release of the N-FOCUS System is being implemented October 19th, 2025. This document provides information explaining new functionality, enhancements and problem resolutions made effective with this release. This document is divided into four main sections and addresses all of the Divisions, OEA – Medicaid and Economic Assistance, CFS, DD and BH.

General Interest and Mainframe Topics: All N-FOCUS users should read this section.

Home and Community Based Services: NFOCUS workers who work directly with waiver programs and those who work with the related Medicaid cases should read this section.

Note: This section will only appear when there are tips, enhancements or fixes specific to Developmental Disabilities Programs.

Expert System: All N-FOCUS workers with responsibilities for case entry for AABD, ADC, SNAP, LIHEAP, Medicaid, etc. should read this section.

Note: When new functionality is added to N-FOCUS that crosses multiple topics (i.e., General Interest and Mainframe, Alerts, Correspondence, Expert System etc.) the functionality will be described in one primary location. This location will usually be the General Interest and Mainframe section or the Expert System section. Alerts Work Tasks and Correspondence that are part of the new functionality may be documented in both the primary location that describes the entire process in addition to being in the Alerts, Work Tasks and Correspondence sections.

Interfaces, Document Imaging and N-FOCUS Tips sections will be added as appropriate for the release.

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General Interest and Mainframe

CFS – Family Team Meeting Narrative (Change)

The CFS/APS Narrative subject area of Family Team Meeting has been updated to allow users to multi-select narrative items:

The screenshot shows the 'N-FOCUS - Detail Narrative' window. The 'Subject' is 'Family Team Meeting'. The 'Status' is 'DRAFT'. The 'Record' is '09-30-2025'. The 'Created By' is 'Header Last Updated By'. The 'Header Last Updated On' is 'Text Last Updated By'. The 'Text Last Updated On' is 'Occurrence' '09-30-2025'. The 'Narrative Information' section contains a multi-select list with the following items: 'Efforts to hold FTM', 'Family Team Meeting', and 'Mapping'. The 'Testing narrative.' text area is empty. The bottom of the window has buttons for 'Spell Check', 'Maximize Narrative Text', 'Previous', and 'Next'.

Additionally, a new narrative item of Mapping was added.

OEA – Medicaid Incarcerated Pre-Release Window (Change)

In the Detail Incarcerated Pre-Release window, the Reporting Facility 'Lancaster County Department of Corrections,' known as Lincoln Correctional Center (LCC) was removed from the drop-down list because it merged with 'Lancaster County Corrections.'

N-FOCUS - Detail Incarcerated Pre-Release

File Actions Help

Name OLIVER QUEEN ADD

ID 3099791 Birth Date 01-01-1985

Incarcerated Pre-Release

Report Date

Reporting Facility

Anticipated Release Date

Actual Release Date

LANCASTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

LANCASTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

SARPY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

SARPY COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER

ADAMS COUNTY S.O.

ANTELOPE COUNTY S.O.

BOONE COUNTY S.O.

BOX BUTTE COUNTY S.O.

BROWN COUNTY S.O.

BUFFALO COUNTY S.O.

BUTLER COUNTY S.O.

In the Incarcerated Pre-Release window, Pre-Release records are automatically populated based on incarceration information received from the Nebraska Criminal Justice Information System (NCJIS). Workers can still manually add new or update Pre-Release records when needed.

This window captures the history of a person's incarceration such as when a person is released, when a person transfers from one facility to another, when a person's Anticipated Release Date changes, or when a worker makes an update to an incarceration record.

The screenshot shows a software window titled "N-FOCUS - Person Detail". It contains the following information:

- Name:** OLIVER QUEEN
- Birth Date:** 01-01-1985
- ID:** 3099791
- Current Incarcerated Pre-Release:**

Report Date	Reporting Facility	Anticipated Release Date
07-20-2025	YRTC - HASTINGS	11-05-2029
- History:**

Report Date	Reporting Facility	Anticipated Release Date
07-15-2025	CHEYENNE COUNTY S.O.	11-05-2029

The status bar at the bottom right indicates "N-FOCUS - Test Date".

To be compliant with the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (CAA), Section 5121, a daily file is created of youth who are to be released soon from incarceration. The file is passed to the Managed Care Organization to provide screening and diagnostic services, and case management services.

OEA – Medicaid and AABD Payment Irrevocable Burial Trust Disregard (Change)

There has been an update to the Irrevocable trust disregard used in Non-MAGI Medicaid and AABD payment budgets. The new amount is \$6,696 effective 9-1-2025.

OEA/MLTC – Medicaid Organizations National Provider Identifier Display (New)

The National Provider Identifier (NPI) number will now display on Medicaid organizations.

The screenshot shows the 'N-FOCUS - Detail Organization' window. The 'Organization' section includes fields for 'Name' (DNPI AGENCY 2), 'Business As Name', 'Licensing Agent', and a checkbox for 'Org is Licensing Agent'. The 'Medicaid' section shows 'PSE ID#' 177853, 'ID#' 17005382, and 'NPI#' 1356522726 (highlighted with a red box). The 'Tax Information' section shows 'ID' 456712349, 'ID Type' EIN, and 'Begin Date' 05-19-2025. The 'Organization Detail' section includes buttons for 'Addresses...', 'Address History...', 'Tax Details...', 'Home Details...', 'Telephones...', 'List Service Auth...', and 'Energy Fuel Type'. The 'Related Persons' section is a table with columns: Last, First, Type, Family Role, Sex, Birth Date, and End Date. The status is 'Active' and the date is '05-19-2025'. The bottom status bar shows '10-06-2025 08:49:41'.

Home and Community Based Services

BH/OEA – SMI Pathways Home Waiver (New)

The SMI Pathways Home Waiver project is being implemented in phases. The first phase is to allow for program case creation for the service coordination and ongoing waiver cases to allow for data to pass to the Therap and MMIS systems. These programs will be created and maintained by Behavioral Health Staff. Users outside of that team should not select these cases.

Master Case Person

Name SDFGSD SMI

Person Number 12353374 **Birthdate** 02-02-1987 **Sex** FEMALE

Programs

Select the Programs the person is requesting

- ADTBI SERVICE COORDINATION
- WAIVER AGED AND DISABLED
- WAIVER TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY
- WAIVER AUTISM
- WOMENS CANCER PROGRAM
- PUBLIC INSTITUTION MEDICAID
- PART A BENEFICIARY
- DISASTER SNAP
- BRIDGE TO INDEPENDENCE
- SNAP EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING
- FAMILY SUPPORT WAIVER
- REFUGEE CASH ASSISTANCE
- PATHWAYS HOME SERVICE COORDINATION
- PATHWAYS HOME

OK Cancel Help

Correspondence

[OEA – SNAP Work Requirements Notice \(Change\)](#)

To support requirements in the One Big Beautiful Bill (OB BB) recently passed by Congress, the SNAP Work Requirements notice (English and Spanish versions) was changed to support age and exemption changes. In addition, the notice window rule that prevented the combination of Work Status of Exempt and ABAWD Status of Mandatory was removed as this scenario can now occur with the ABAWD age increase to 65. With this change, additional logic was put in place to ensure participant names were displayed correctly on the notice.

Alerts

[OEA – SNAP/LIHEAP Standard Utility Allowance Alerts \(Change\)](#)

To support requirements in the One Big Beautiful Bill (OB BB) recently passed by Congress, Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) alerts have been updated:

Alert #372 – (SNAP LIHEAP No SUA) will only be generated if the individual is 60 years of age or older or SNAP disabled.

Alert #649 – (MESA LIHEAP No SUA) will only be generated if the individual is 60 years of age or older or SNAP disabled.

Medical Impairments that are considered SNAP Disabled:

- Government Retirement/Disability

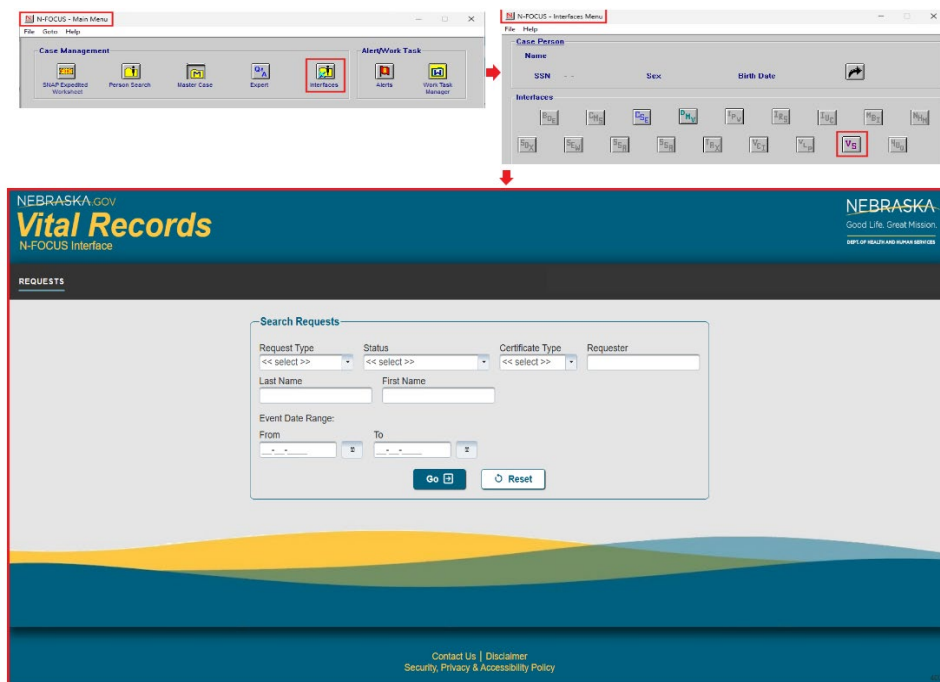
- SDP Medical Consultant-Blind
- SDP Medical Consultant-Disabled
- Railroad Retirement Disabled
- SRT Blind
- SRT Disabled
- SRT Emergency Medical for Aliens
- SSA-SSI Blind
- SSA-SSI Disabled
- Veterans Admin-Aid for Attendance
- Veterans Administration-Disabled

Interfaces

All Divisions – Vital Records Interface Web Application Upgrade (Change)

As part of security systems maintenance and ensuring compatibility with the latest technology, the Vital Statistics (now “Vital Records”) web application accessed via “Interfaces” from the N-FOCUS Main Menu window and N-FOCUS Person Detail window, have received changes and enhancements.

1. Changes to the Vital Records web application accessed via “Interfaces” interface on N-FOCUS Main Menu:



New Features

- The web application has been upgraded to the latest web application user interface for a cleaner look and user-friendly experience.
- Added new title bar "Vital Records N-FOCUS Interface" to the heading to specify N-FOCUS Vital Records use case of the web application.
- Added "Certificate Type" dropdown menu search criteria option for user to filter request by Birth, Death, Marriage, and/or Divorce Certificate Type if desired.
- Added "Event Date Range" selection option for user to filter request search to desired Birth, Death, Marriage, and/or Divorce date (s).
- Added "Event Date" list column to Requests list to display Birth, Death, Marriage, and Divorce dates for existing requests.
- Added "New Search" radio button to Requests list page for user to effortlessly return to Search Requests section on home page and initiate new request (s) search.
- Added "Cancel" radio button option to Birth, Death, Marriage, and Divorce Request Detail pages for user to cancel any updates that they may no longer want to make on a request – This button directs user to Requests list page as well.

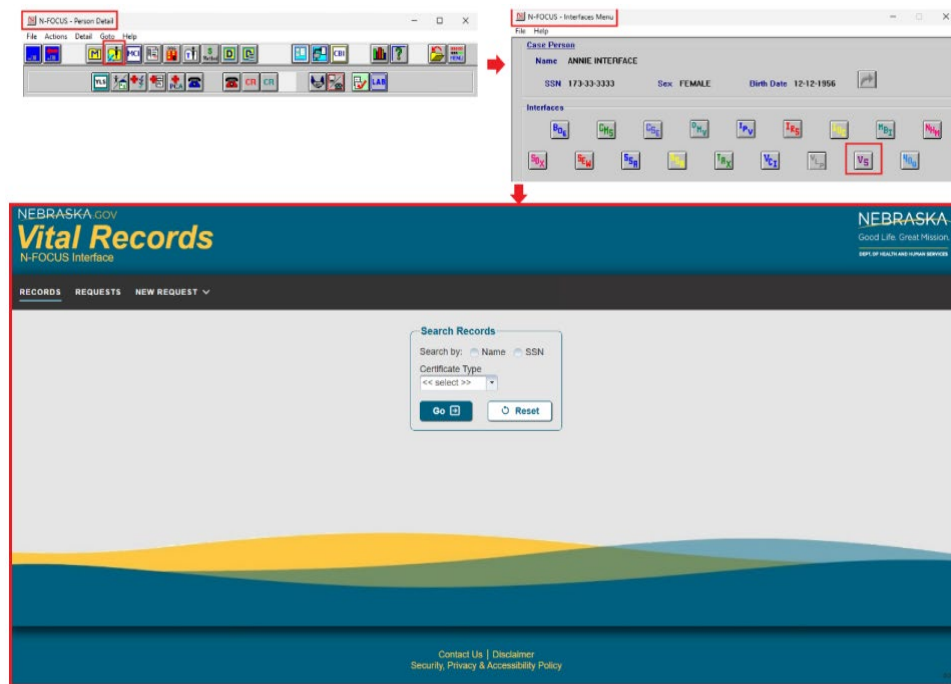
Enhancements

- Combined all current and new search criteria into one location on home page under "Search Request" section for easy access and to allow for their use in combination for enhanced request (s) search.
- For cleanliness and enhanced search flow, the "State" dropdown menu will remain hidden from Search Requests section until user selects the "Out of State Copy" Request Type option.

Other updates

- Removed "Search by Warrant Number" function due to lack of use – Warrant information will continue to be displayed when available.
- Removed "Add Warrant" function due to lack of use.
- Removed "Remove Warrant" function due to lack of use.

Changes to Vital Records web application accessed via "Interfaces" interface on N-FOCUS Person Detail window.



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- Added new title bar "Vital Records N-FOCUS Interface" to the heading to specify Vital Records N-FOCUS use case of the web application.
- Added "Cancel" radio button option to Birth, Death, Marriage and Divorce Request Detail and Certificate Request pages for user to cancel any updates or creation of new requests that they may no longer want to make on a request – This button directs user to Requests list page as well.
- Added "Event Date" list column to Requests list to display Birth, Death, Marriage, and/or Divorce dates for Selected Person's existing request.

Enhancements

- "Search by Name" and "Search by SSN" are now in one location under "Records" tab on home page to remove clutter and enhance records search flow.
- "Requests" tab is now available on display on home page for user to quickly access and view requests.
- "New Requests" tab is now available on display on home page for user to quickly access and create new requests.

General Updates

- Removed the state of "Nebraska" selection option from Out of State "State" dropdown menus due unapplicable use case.
- The "Search" radio button will now display as "Go" as per the new web application guidelines.
- The "Clear" radio button will now display as "Reset" as per the new web application guidelines.
- The "Contact Information" page is now transformed into a more intuitive, user-friendly pop-up window.

Expert System

OEA – SNAP Changes to Support the One Big Beautiful Bill (OB BB) Requirements (Change)

The following changes have been made to the SNAP program as a result of recent Congressional action:

SNAP Work Requirements Wizard – Work Requirements

- Added age check to screen. If an individual's age is outside the upper age limit (60 or older), all radio buttons and check boxes are disabled, and the Work Status defaults to Exempt. The user clicks the 'Next' button to advance to the ABAWD screen.

SNAP Work Requirements Wizard – ABAWD

- Changed dependent age limit in house to under 14.
- Changed adult upper age limit to 65 and older.
- Changes to Exemptions:
 - Eliminated Homeless, Veterans and Age 24 years old and younger that was in foster care under the responsibility of a State on the date of them turning 18 years or higher
 - Added Indian, Urban Indian, California Indian, or other Indians who are eligible for Indian Health Service
 - Changed "Does the individual have any children under the age of 14 in the same SNAP unit (age changed from 17 to 14).

Standard Utility Allowance

- After running the LIHEAP budget, the informational message box informing that a SUA expense is not included in the SNAP budget and the Red X next to Budgeting will only be displayed if the individual is 60 years of age or older or SNAP disabled.

Medical Impairments that are considered SNAP Disabled:

- Government Retirement/Disability
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- Veterans Admin-Aid for Attendance
- Veterans Administration-Disabled

Expert System Notice of Eligibility

The Notice of Eligibility Denial/Closure for ineligible ABAWD (English and Spanish versions) was updated to support the age and exemption changes.

[OEA –LIHEAP Expert System Notice Manual References \(Change\)](#)

LIHEAP policy updated the NAC references that will appear on Crisis/Deposit/Repair Denials and several LIHEAP Closing/Denials such as IPV 1-3, Failure to provide, and Not a Ne Resident.