



What is CCMS?

The California Court Case Management System (CCMS) is a statewide technology initiative to bring the courts together to use one application for all case categories. The project is being managed by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), Southern Regional Office in Burbank, with the participation of more than 200 court representatives from more than 25 counties, the AOC Information Services Division, and the AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts in San Francisco. The CCMS application will manage civil, small claims, probate, mental health, criminal, traffic, family law, juvenile dependency, and juvenile delinquency cases.

CCMS will have broad-ranging impacts that will improve California's justice system. Far from just affecting the way the courts perform their day-to-day business, CCMS will provide significant advantages to state and local law enforcement agencies, child welfare services, child support services, and all people who participate in the California court system as litigants, jurors, attorneys, victims, and witnesses. Two examples of how CCMS will benefit California children include:

- Providing judicial officers with information about cases in different jurisdictions to which they currently have no access when making orders affecting the life and safety of the public and the parties in a case.
- Providing judges with critical information when they are hearing cases and making decisions about releasing criminal defendants, placing children in foster care or reunifying them with their parents, ordering custody or visitation of children, and issuing protective or restraining orders.

Exchanging Data with CCMS

The CCMS project is a historic opportunity to improve data sharing between the courts and their justice partner agencies. Standards based data exchanges will provide justice partners with automatic information. Agencies that will benefit from CCMS include:

- Appellate Court Case Management System (ACCMS)
- California Highway Patrol (CHP)
- California Department of Social Services (CDSS)
- Department of Child Support Services (DCSS)
- Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
- California Department of Justice (DOJ)
- Local justice partners (e.g., human services, prosecutors, public defenders, probation, sheriff)



CDSS Participation in CCMS

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and county partners have been active participants in the design of data exchanges helping to identify and design key data exchanges. Child welfare workers will benefit by exchanging information such as case initiations, calendaring of events, subsequent filings, and issuance of orders. The availability to submit proposed orders will save local agencies and courts significant time and effort.

Accessing Information through the Secure Justice Partner Portal

CDSS will have access to certain CCMS data via a secure internet portal. After establishing secure login credentials, social workers will have access to juvenile dependency cases. CCMS security is role-based with different levels of security so that justice Partners can access juvenile cases, victim information, and other sensitive data that will not be visible to the public.

Benefits of CCMS to CDSS

Other features in CCMS that will benefit CDSS include unified family court functionality and electronic filing. Today, when cases involving family members are heard in different courts, judicial officers are not aware that these individuals are involved in multiple cases. This can lead to conflicting orders based on incomplete information. As rules of court evolve, these cases could be coordinated if the related cases and family members can be identified at the time of filing. By providing a model that links individuals to family units and connects one family unit to another, CCMS will support the courts' ability to manage a family in a unified manner. This will reduce the number of hearings, potentially lower the number of times children must testify, and lessen the risk of conflicting orders. CCMS will also allow the electronic service and noticing of case participants, and the receipt of electronic filings from e-filing service providers (third-party vendors), justice partners, and a state-owned e-filing provider.

Status of CCMS

The design deliverable for CCMS was approved in February 2009 and construction of the application is near completion. The product is currently in its first testing phase. When the vendor successfully completes integration testing Product Acceptance Testing (PAT) will be performed by the AOC and courts' Subject Matter Experts to verify the system meets all of the design requirements. PAT is scheduled to begin in January 2010, and will continue for 19 weeks. CCMS will be delivered in late 2010 and deployed to three early adopter courts. Initial deployment discussions have begun with the Superior Courts of San Diego, San Luis Obispo and Ventura. Deployment on a statewide level will depend on available funding.

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